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Foreword

The Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was held in the Capital City, March 11-13. The sessions were held in First Church. The assembly room presented an appearance in keeping with the purpose and spirit of the meeting. Maps, mottoes and charts hung on the walls and illustrated the great work in which the Society is engaged.

The first devotional service was conducted by our Honorary Life President, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy. The grand hymn, "Faith of our Fathers," which had been sung for a year throughout the church, rang out with a fervor born only in hearts conscious of that faith, as they made over and over again the vow, "I will be true to thee till death."

At the close of the sacred hour, Rev. W. W. Drake and Rev. A. I. Townsley administered the Sacrament. No hour of the session was holier than this, when the workers came together into closer fellowship with the Father through the Son.

The reports of officers showed a large increase in the work. Our Treasurer reported the total cash receipts for the year 1912 to be $7,763.75, an increase of nearly $2,500 over the preceding year. The annual sermon was preached by the local pastor, Rev. W. W. Drake, the text being, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations,—and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The night sessions were devoted to addresses on the work under the direction of the women. Rev. C. V. Breithaupt spoke on the work of Houma Mission, and Rev. W. E. Thomas on St. Mark's Hall. Miss Eliza Iles, our deaconess, represented her great work in the Teche country. Miss Nell Drake of China discussed that important field. Our Council guest was Mrs. A. L. Marshall of Nashville. We were blessed in having with us such an able and consecrated woman. The devotional half hours, led by her, were seasons refreshing, and her address on Wednesday night was a great utterance.

The people of the city, in a rare degree, exhibited the grace and charm of Southern hospitality. Their attentions were as lavish as the flowers in their gardens; their hearts were as warm as the Southern sunshine. The genial pastor left nothing undone in which he might have added to the comfort of the visitors. On the afternoon of the first day, in the parlors of the Istrouma Hotel, a reception was tendered the visiting ladies. During the time the fragrance of flowers and strains of music filled the air.

A large number of delegates, from all parts of the State, attended the Conference, and with this great meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in 1913, the name of Baton Rouge will ever be happily linked.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION,

MARCH 11, 1913.

The first business session of the Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abel Bliss, at 9:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning. Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, our former beloved President, conducted the devotional service. She read a lesson from the fifteenth chapter of John and made a helpful talk on "Friendship with Jesus," after which the Council hymn was sung. Testimonies followed, each woman telling of what Jesus means to her as a friend. After singing a verse of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," Mrs. Kennedy concluded a number of sentence prayers.

The Lord's supper was administered by the Rev. Drake of Baton Rouge, and Rev. Townsley of Rayville. After the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the regular business of the morning was taken up.

Roll of officers called and all present but one.

The following Committees were announced by the President:

Extension of Work—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. Crow Girard, Mrs. P. B. Torian, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. J. E. Walter, Mrs. T. L. Owen, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. D. C. Worrell, Mrs. R. C. Holt, Mrs. W. H. Pierson.

Finance—Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Mrs. L. S. Clarke, Mrs. J. A. Stallder, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, Mrs. Leland Guise, Mrs. M. N. James, Mrs. John Mumford, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Mallery, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. W. J. Brown.

Children's Work—Mrs. R. H. Harper, Miss Hettie Roberts, Miss Flora Watson, Mrs. S. L. Riggs, Miss Edwina Cushmann,

Mrs. W. M. Mantiply, Mrs. Belle Bock, Mrs. T. L. Gibson, Mrs. H. R. Moore.

Young People's Work—Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mrs. B. E. Eskridge, Mrs. H. S. Johns, Mrs. Magee, Miss Ada Parker, Miss Eliza Iles, Miss Sallie Raynham, Miss Maccie Haas, Mrs. W. W. Kernan, Mrs. S. S. Keener.

Resolutions—Mrs. D. C. Worrell, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. S. S. Johnson, Mrs. J. D. Harper, Mrs. W. V. Harper.

Nominations—Mrs. A. F. Godat, Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Mrs. C. D. Dickson, Mrs. R. W. Vaughan, Mrs. R. C. Webb, Mrs. J. E. Walter, Mrs. W. D. Haas.

Appropriations—Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery.

Courtesies—Mrs. Fred Sheppers, Mrs. H. S. Johns.

Enrollment—Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. M. R. Jones.

Standing Rules—Mrs. Crow Girard, Mrs. R. C. Holt, Mrs. R. H. Wynn.

Editing and Printing Report—Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. R. H. Harper.

The President delivered her message, using as her theme, "Speak unto the people that they may go forward." She mentioned the problems confronting us and urged that some definite, practical work be done. Conference led in prayer by Mrs. Bliss.

Report of Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign department, Mrs. A. P. Holt, read and accepted with thanks, and Mrs. R. H. Wynn offered a prayer for the cause of Foreign Missions.

Report of Corresponding Secretary of Home department, Mrs. Crow Girard, read and accepted with thanks, and it was suggested that her recommendations be turned over to the Committee on Recommendations. Prayer by Mrs. Bliss for the blessings of God upon our Corresponding Secretaries.

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Holmes, read totals of districts. This was accepted with thanks. A decided increase in finances was shown by this report and the Conference sang with feeling "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow."

Report of City Mission Board read by Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, and accepted. She asked for help from the different auxiliaries in carrying on this work.

Rev. A. I. Townsley was welcomed by members of the Conference and spoke a few words of greeting. Mrs. S. T. Sanders, President of the Baton Rouge auxiliary, was also introduced and welcomed the Conference to Baton Rouge. Rev. Battle of Felicity Street Church, New Orleans, and Rev. W. W. Drake, pastor of the First Church of Baton Rouge, were also presented to the Conference.

The noon devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. R. Goodale of Baton Rouge. Her messege was the Beatitude, "Blessed are the peacemakers." She gave an inspirational talk on same and stressed the fact that wherever we go, we should be peacemakers between God and man. Prayer followed by Rev. Townsley and a verse of "Where He Leads Me I will Follow," was sung.

Announcements of Committee meetings, followed by the Benediction by Rev. Drake.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service of the Wednesday morning session was conducted by Mrs. A. F. Godat. Hymn, "Soon May the Last Glad Song Arise" sung and a lesson read from the twelfth chapter of Romans. All joined in singing, "Take my Life," and prayer by Rev. Lipscomb followed.

Minutes were read and adopted as corrected.

A letter of congratulations on the success of the year's work from Mrs. F. A. Lyons was read and the Secretary instructed to send greetings to her from the Conference.

First business taken up was the report of the Vice Presidents. Report of First Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper, read and accepted. Report of Second Vice President, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt read and accepted. Both reports noted an increase over last year's work and Mrs. Marshall expressed her joy in hearing this by leading the Conference in singing, "Bring Them in." Report of Third Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Wynn, read and a rising vote of thanks given her as an appreciation of her excellent work.

Report of Fourth Vice President, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, read and motion prevailed that an article referring to money spent on

Noel Memorial Church which had been a gift to that church but not through the Woman's Missionary Society, be stricken from her report. Motion carried which stated that all auxiliaries report to Conference officers only money given through the Woman's Missionary Society and not independent of it. This report was accepted.

The reports of the following District Secretaries were read and accepted:

Alexandria.....Mrs. M. N. James.
Baton Rouge.....Mrs. B. E. Eskridge.
Lafayette.....Mrs. R. C. Holt.
Monroe.....Mrs. S. S. Keener
New Orleans.....Mrs. A. F. Godat
Ruston.....Mrs. R. W. Vaughan
Shreveport.....Mrs. Ben Johnson

Motion prevailed that all District Secretaries, financial reports be made to correspond with report of the Conference Treasurer.

Report of Press Superintendent, Mrs. A. C. McKinney, read and accepted with thanks.

Rev. C. V. Breithaupt made a short talk on his work in Houma and told of conditions under which he labored.

Mrs. R. H. Harper made a talk on "Our Children's Work, an Organization in every Auxiliary." She asked the Conference to sing, "Open the Doors for the Children," after which she told of her model missionary society. Then followed an open discussion of the problems in children's work.

Election of officers was the next business taken up. Report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

President, Mrs. Abel Bliss.
First Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper.
Second Vice President, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt.
Third Vice President, Mrs. D. C. Worrell.
Fourth Vice President, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy.
Corresponding Secretary of Home Department, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.
Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Department, Mrs. A. P. Holt.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Holmes.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. W. Winstead.

Press Superintendent, Mrs. A. C. McKinney.

Mrs. Abel Bliss was unanimously elected President, and accepted in a few well chosen words.

Motion prevailed that the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for the remaining nominees. Officers elected as stated above.

Mrs. A. L. Marshall made several announcements in regard to literature and urged the use of literature for programs and spoke of "Helps" for leaders in various departments.

Mrs. W. T. Cunningham was asked to attend to the sale and distribution of literature.

The following guests were introduced to the Conference:

Mrs. L. Meekins, Rev. S. C. Howard and his wife from Baker, Rev. T. D. Lipscomb and his wife, Miss Ada Parker, Mrs. Drake, and Mrs. Wilson of Hammond.

The noon Bible lesson was conducted by Mrs. A. L. Marshall and a very spiritual and impressive service of re-consecration was held. Her subject was, "What is Thy Life?" The answer to this question was read from the second chapter of Ecclesiastes. She illustrated this very forcibly and plead that selfishness be taken from the centre of our lives and that Christ be placed there instead. Mrs. Marshall concluded silent prayers, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Drake.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Wednesday afternoon session was opened by singing "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me." Mrs. A. C. McKinney read a lesson from the twelfth chapter of Romans which was followed by prayer. "Lead Kindly Light" was sung, after which Mrs. S. T. Sanders conducted an impressive memorial service. She spoke feelingly of the influence still felt of those no longer with us.

Tributes of love and respect were paid to the memory of the following ministers who have died during the past year:

Rev. John A. Miller, Rev. T. J. Upton, Rev. H. O. White, Rev. George Jackson, Rev. John M. Johnston, Rev. W. S. Cornell, Rev. S. S. Keener.

Tribute was also paid to the memory of Mrs. R. A. Cross of New Orleans District, Mrs. J. Huston Thatcher and Mrs. Robert Pitchford of Shreveport District; Mrs. Sam Allen, Monroe District; Mrs. R. W. Tucker, Ruston District; Mrs. Glenn Smith, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. E. L. McGehee of Hammond; Mrs. Lizzie Brown, and Mrs. Victoria Montegudo of Zachary.

The following District Secretaries were appointed:

Alexandria.....Mrs. M. N. James.
Baton Rouge.....Mrs. B. E. Eskridge.
Lafayette.....Mrs. R. C. Holt
Monroe.....Mrs. S. S. Keener.
New Orleans.....Mrs. A. F. Godat.
Ruston.....Mrs. C. B. Carter
Shreveport.....Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Mrs. A. C. McKinney was appointed Press Superintendent.

Mrs. Abel Bliss and Mrs. R. H. Harper were elected alternates to the Council.

Since Mrs. Lily Meekins had been compelled to leave the city, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery was called upon to tell something of the work done at the Werlein Mission. Mrs. Moore told of the men's Saturday night meetings at the Mission, also of the boys' and girls' clubs.

Mrs. R. H. Wynn made a helpful and instructive talk on the work of the Third Vice President, giving mission study suggestions and urging the use of Bible study in each auxiliary.

Mrs. S. A. Montgomery presented a resolution with the object in view of keeping Mormonism out of this State. It was suggested by Mrs. Marshall that this be done by Federal instead of State enactment. The resolution was turned over to her to be put in proper form so that the auxiliaries might have copies.

Problems confronting Young People's work were presented by Mrs. Bobbitt, and Mrs. Marshall explained how the Junior League and Junior Missionary Society might be united and with one set of officers do work along both lines. She suggested that this be tried with Senior League and Young People's Society.

The Conference was invited to Mansfield and Rayville next year, and the latter place was unanimously decided upon.

Dr. Busky, of St. James Episcopal Church, was introduced; also Miss Nell Drake, Missionary to China, and Mrs. Johns of Baton Rouge.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Drake.

RESOLUTION.

Since one of the problems with which the American people will soon have to deal is the revival of polygamy in Utah—for the Mormon church has violated its own revelation in that the polygamous marriages contracted before 1890 have not been given up and new plural marriages have taken place on a considerable scale;

Since new polygamous marriages have been entered into by young men and women twenty to thirty years old;

Since if polygamy should suddenly stop, enough young people have entered into the relation recently to keep the institution alive in Utah for another fifty years;

Since polygamy is nearly as prevalent there now as it was before 1890;

Since the long list of recent polygamous marriages in Salt Lake City (more than two hundred) is admitted to be correct by Mormons as well as Gentiles;

Since the Church still teaches polygamy openly as orthodox Mormon doctrine;

Since the Church still keeps in its BOOK of doctrines the principles of polygamy and does not publish the manifesto against it;

Since books strongly teaching polygamy are circulated at authorized Mormon book shops;

Since the Church honors and promotes recent polygamists;

Since the Mormons maintain "cities of refuge" in Utah which they call "lambing Stations" where their polygamous children are born;

Since the prevailing custom in Mormon settlements in Canada is to keep their legal wives in Canada and their polygamous wives in Utah or Mexico;

Since the Mormons confess that they practice polygamy on a large scale in Mexico, which is a vital concern to the people of

the United States, because the Mormons who thus marry in Mexico are American citizens and bring their plural wives back to Utah;

Since the apostles Cowley and Taylor who were shown by the Smoot trial to be recent polygamists and whom the Church claims to have disciplined for it, were still retained as apostles and have continued to preach in Mormon pulpits though they are not of the ruling Church quorum, the majority report of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections said: "The dropping of these men from the quorum was so evidently done for popular effect that the act merits no consideration whatever, except as an admission that apostles Taylor and Cowley have each taken one or more plural wives since the manifesto." Yet Collier's in April, 1911, contained a letter from Mr. Russell in which he cites the dropping of these two men from the quorum as a proof of the sincerety of the Church;

Since the Mormon Church is simply a great religious secret society existing very largely for criminal purposes:

And inasmuch as the Mormon Church has violated its pledge to this nation by returing to the practice of polygamy and by dominating political affairs in Utah and the adjacent states;

Be It Resolved, that the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, Methodist Church, South, in annual session assembled in Baton Rouge, March 13, 1913, request our legislators to petition the Congress of the United States to amend the Constitution so as to place the control of POLYGAMOUS relations under Federal Enactment.

MRS. S. A. MONTGOMERY, New Orleans,
MRS. R. H. WYNN, Crowley, Committee.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service of the Thursday morning session was conducted by Miss Eliza Iles. "I Love to Tell the Story" was sung and a lesson read from the last chapter of Phillipians. Miss Iles told of the joy she found in serving Christ. Prayer by Miss Iles.

Mrs. Logan of Mansfield was appointed agent for the

"Voice," "Council Daily" and "Young Christian Worker."

Mrs. S. T. Sanders paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of Dr. C. W. Carter of Natchitoches who died at the close of last year. Mrs. McKinney spoke of the life of Mrs. Hattie Thompson of Ruston.

Miss Nell Drake came forward and in a very interesting manner told of the home life of Chinese women.

Mrs. Marshall made a strong plea for the use of all literature, leaflet, book and periodical, and a vote was taken as to the practicability of the discontinuance of the leaflet. Vote showed twenty-two to twenty-four in favor of continuing the leaflet.

Mrs. Marshall exhibited a splendid chart showing the statistics in different states as to church membership, members of the missionary society, and those taking the "Voice;" also other interesting figures. The Louisiana Conference made plans to make Louisiana a banner State.

Reports of Committees were next taken up. They were read as a whole and then voted upon article by article.

Report of Committee on Extension of Work read by Mrs. A. P. Holt and adopted as a whole.

Report of Finance Committee read by Mrs. Holmes and adopted as amended.

Mrs. Emma Knickerbocker, Mrs. Coleman and Rev. Mangham were next introduced.

The noon devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Marshall. "O Jesus, I have Promised to Serve Thee to the End" was sung, after which followed a most impressive talk by Mrs. Marshall. Her lesson was taken from parts of the third and fourth chapters of Exodus, the Lord's words to Moses. She exhorted us to use our talents, whatever they may be, for the glory of God. Prayer by Mrs. Marshall. After the benediction by Rev. Drake the meeting adjourned until three o'clock Thursday afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. R. C. Holt. "Jesus Calls Us" was sung and a lesson read from the third chap-

ter of First John. Conference led in prayer by Mrs. A. P. Holt.

"The Conference Pledge and How to Secure It" was the subject of a splendid talk by Mrs. Ben Johnson. She read a few verses from the thirty-third Psalm and then gave an ideal plan by which pledges may be secured.

Pledge hour followed The District Secretaries came to the altar and there made their pledges for the following year. "Take my Life" was sung and the Conference led in prayer by Rev. Coleman. The following pledges were made:

Districts.	Home	Foreign	Voice	Young Christian Worker
Alexandria	$ 200	$ 200	200	50
Baton Rouge	100	175	100	50
Lafayette	225	225	150	50
Monroe	100	100	100	50
New Orleans	200	400	175	50
Ruston	200	300	150	50
Shreveport	1000	1000	200	50

The Doxology was sung and the Lord's Prayer repeated in concert.

Next followed a helpful address by the Rev. Coleman, of Baton Rouge District, on "A Challenge to Advance."

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy made a spledid address on "The Practical side of Social Service."

Mrs. C. C. Deval, in a forceful manner, told the Conference about how she had helped the State prisoners to lead better lives, also of the splendid work of the prison chaplain, Rev. H. S. Johns, and his wife.

Mrs. Logan came forward and pleaded for the hearty support of Mansfield College and told of the College Improvement League.

Routine business was then taken up. Reports of the following Committees were heard:

Young People's Work, read by Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt and adopted as a whole.

Children's Work, read by Mrs. J. D. Harper and adopted as a whole.

Publication and Literature, read by Mrs. S. D. Robinson and adopted as amended.

By-Laws, read by Mrs. Montgomery and adopted.

Appropriations, read by Mrs. Kennedy and adopted.

Standing Rules, read by Mrs. Crow Girard and adopted.

Motion carried that the Editing Committee have charge of preparing letterheads and getting out stationery for the year.

Mrs. Logan, Agent for Missionary periodicals, announced one subscriber for the "Voice" and two for the "Council Daily."

Mrs. Girard urged the use of the columns of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, which has been so generously offered the auxiliaries, and the Secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks to the Editor for same.

Secretary was instructed to write a note of love and appreciation to Miss Mabel Head, who is ill in a sanitarium in Louisville, Ky.

A life member of the Woman's Missionary Society was made of Robert Earl Harper, son of our First Vice President. Mrs. J. D. Harper, the grandmother of Robert Earl, expressed her thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. Alice Drake, mother of Rev. Drake, pastor of First Church, Baton Rouge, was made a life member of the Foreign Department by the Baton Rouge Auxiliary.

A Workers' Conference followed, conducted by Mrs. A. P. Holt, when certain problems and their solution were discussed. Mrs. Winstead suggested a plan by which membership may be increased and a three-fourth membership attained. Mrs. Wynn gave a few suggestions on the Mission Study Course, how to use it, and how to make it interesting.

Mrs. Abel Bliss expressed her heartfelt thanks to the ladies of Baton Rouge for their hospitality and kindness in every way.

After singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Coleman and the business meetings of the Conference stood adjourned.

MRS. R. W. WINSTEAD,
Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Louisiana Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society has come together at this earlier date than has been our custom,

that the Auxiliaries may have the plans for the work earlier in the year.

We have come to this beautiful old city of Baton Rouge, full of hope and love for our work. Our welcome has been most cordial, and our hearts are stirred within us, because of all the plans in evidence for our comfort and for the furtherance of our work during the meeting. May God bless us every one.

If I were to take a text for this hour, it would be the words that have stood all the year at the head of the "Bulletin," "Speak unto the People that they go Forward." These words have been ringing in my heart and soul all the year, so that the one word is ever before me, FORWARD.

We must not be satisfied until Louisiana Conference has taken a foremost position in Southern Methodism. The natural resources of our State are the very best; let us develop them along every line; let us inspire the men-folk of our household to all that is the very best, so that the earth may bring forth its hundred fold at harvest time. Everything is propitious and only man is slow. Let us bestir ourselves, being "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," so that the promise in Malachi shall be ours, and our eyes shall behold bursting granaries, and multiplied flocks and herds, that our children shall worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and all that maketh sin and uncleanness shall depart from our cities and our State. The Woman's Missionary Council has made the most complete plans for the furtherance of our missionary work, and has provided abundant and excellent material for carrying forward these plans. The first and greatest need is increased membership. Our motto, a "Doubled Membership, a Doubled Prayer Life," will bring complete victory. How shall we attain it? In the most simple way, *each member doing her part*—my Sister, will YOU try? Remember all things are wrought out through earnest, persistent prayer, and a life and effort that corresponds to the prayer. So our second need is Prayer. Pray for yourself that God will give you a clear vision of His blessed Son, the first missionary, the emancipator of woman. Where His name is loved her position is dignified and honored. Pray for the work. Pray for that other woman in your church who should be

a member of the missionary society. Then pray for leaders for our Children's Societies and Young People's work. These are of the utmost importance. The training of the children should be our very first thought and care. We have whole Districts without a single Children's Society. Why? because no woman has consecrated herself to this beautiful work of leading the little ones unto Him through this medium of service and training. Children's work is the most worth while of any phase of the work, and the most delightful—try it.

Social service is another department that we must develop in the Home Department; our field of labor is limitless. Our own loved land languishes in sin and degradation, because we do not remove the sin spots. Social service means prevention. In our work it is the small beginnings that shall count. In our cities and towns we must establish many small centers of work among the immigrants, the ignorant and foreign population. Organize little classes that stand for uplift along all lines spiritual, industrial and civic. Then be in earnest with much prayer. Remember the need is great. Louisiana has the highest percentage of illiteracy in the United States. Shall we lend a hand to change this condition?

Our Foreign Department calls loudly and long for an increase in our devotion. The great success of missions in the foreign fields is our embarrassment. Japan, Korea, China especially need help at the present time. They have thrown off the old chrysalis of heathenism and stand in an unprotected state. What shall be their future vestment? Shall they be clothed with the gospel of our Lord? "How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent." My Sisters, be sure that you are very loyal to our Foreign Department. Have you made a pledge for the salary of our Conference missionaries? Our aim is to so increase our love and gifts that we may have a part in China's regeneration, and next year to send a missionary from our very own ranks, so that in that "Day" when her millions shall come before the great white throne, our quota may be full.

Pray that our Conference may next year supply the salary of a missionary to China; and that one of our very own girls

shall go. Pray also, that we may study the conditions. Have a Study Class in every Auxiliary, because information and inspiration go hand in hand. The most attractive literature on almost every subject is provided by the Council. Choose a line of study and secure all the helps and make your meetings so full of attractions that no woman can afford to miss them. If your auxiliary is not all it should be, you may rest assured that the trouble lies in the lack of information provided. Use business methods in all your plans, and report promptly to your Conference and District officers. The king's business requires promptness.

With joy we sound the bugle call to all missionary women to begin an active, systematic, patient campaign, to win the cooperation of the women of our church. Shall we not go, women of our Society, not a few of us, but every one of us, that the whole world may know and serve our Christ? We pray for grace and wisdom. We pray that our efforts in this meeting shall be for the glory of God, and that the women of Louisiana Conference shall go forth from this place re-consecrated, to "speak to the people that they go FORWARD."

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

After six months of effort in an humble way, I am glad to report some increase in our Junior work. The work has been a great blessing to me. And it has enabled me to know more of the love of Jesus for the children, and his concern, that they have a large share in the blessings of the kingdom.

Some one has said, "Grafting is done with small scions. Young trees are easily transplanted. It is not when the life is wrapped close in the heart of the tree, nor after the blossoms show forth their beauty, but in budding time that there is the greatest danger from frost. The budding time of youth is the great crisis in personal history."

I believe we all will agree that the thing needed most in our Missionary work is to emphasize the fact that children ought to be in the work, and organize them in every auxiliary, and follow the organization by such instruction and help as will bring them

into constantly increasing knowledge of their duty as followers of Him who went about his Father's business as a little child.

Number of personal letters written	91
Number of leaflets sent out	445
Number of mite boxes	318
Number of Helps	15
Number Junior organizations	20
Increase	11
Number Junior members	394
Increase	254
Number on Baby Roll	255
Increase	222

MRS. R. H. HARPER,
Natchitoches, La.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The work of the young people has gone forward a few paces during 1912, but we still fall behind the work we ought to do. We are not marching abreast with the other departments of the Missionary Society. We seem not to have the faithfulness of the Adult nor the enthusiasm of the Junior Societies.

Some of us are grossly neglecting this department of the work, others are half-heartedly going about it, and a few are faithfully and conscientiously doing their best. We must put more thought, more earnestness, more enthusiasm, more prayer into this work if the young people of the Church are ever enlisted in the service of the Master.

Though we have more than three times the number reported last year, yet we can only claim ten Young Peoples' Auxiliaries for 1912. We have in these ten Auxiliaries 191 members, who report $47.55 sent to Conference Treasurer for dues, $12.50 for pledges. The amount reported for local work was $62. One Auxiliary, Slidell, gave $50 to a Scholarship in Scarritt.

Sixty-five letters have been written and the leaflets received distributed.

MRS. R. E. BOBBITT,
Conference Second Vice-President.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE PRESIDENT.

I cannot but regard the department of Christian Stewardship, Bible Study and Mission Study as the mainspring and inspiration of all the rest. Those who have accomplished the heroic and marvelous things for womankind have been the faithful stewards, the contagion of whose lives has been the secret of success in foreign and home fields, who counted the gift of eternal life one which they must share with their sisters far and near.

It is our prayer that a vast number of the Lord's handmaidens may apply themselves more diligently to the study of His Word, to the consideration of His claim on their lives for definite service and to a study of the conquests and the problems of our day.

The Council is giving us splendid and practical literature for our instruction. As supplementary, I have ordered leaflets from the Laymen's Missionary Movement and have distributed them where it was thought they would be used.

In 1912 I sent out 1234 leaflets and pamphlets, 271 report blanks, 481 pledge cards, 194 enrolment cards and 332 letters, 262 of which were circular letters.

Where regular Bible study is carried on, either with Adams' Studies in the Gospel of John or otherwise, a widespread hunger is manifest which should result, under God, in our entire membership forming the habit of daily feeding on the Word of Life.

Members Mission Study class, 660; classes in definite Bible study, 6; classes taking Adams' study in Gospel of John, 3.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. WYNN,
Conf. Third Vice President.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT.

My report includes only six months of the year 1912, from July first to December thirty-first, the time when I took up this work.

Mrs. Trawick, our Council Fourth Vice-President says in a recent letter, "You Conference Fourth Vice-Presidents have a big job," and I can truly say she is right and the job grows bigger all the time. But while this new ground is rough and difficult, I believe it will yield a rich harvest.

Number of Auxiliaries 77
Number of Auxiliaries having Fourth Vice Presidents.....55
Number of Auxiliaries in Country Districts.....47
Number of Auxiliaries in Villages 8
Number of Auxiliaries in Towns..... 8
Number of Auxiliaries in Cities 20
Amount Expended on Parsonages $6,283.97
Amount Expended on Churches.....$168.25
Number of Auxiliaries holding Cottage Prayer Meetings.....47
Number of Auxiliaries having Committees to visit sick and strangers 37
Number of Auxiliaries doing personal work on other lines....26
Number Auxiliaries having Local Fund.....77
Amount given in Relief Work.....$633.00
Number Auxiliaries having Committee to visit Corrective and Benevolent Institutions 10
Number Auxiliaries having Committee to do special work for Negroes .....None Reported
Number Auxiliaries Contributing to City Mission Board..... 9
Amount Contributed, Fourth Quarter.....$317.23
Third Quarter 93.25
Second Quarter 318.95

Total $729.43
Number of Auxiliaries Co-operating with other Betterment Agencies 4
Number of Auxiliaries taking Social Service Study for Quarter 11
Number of Auxiliaries holding Special Quarterly Social Service Meetings 14

I will add that in response to letters and report blanks and other social service literature sent out at the close of our Fourth Quarter, December 31st, 1912, I had received reports from only 36 Auxiliaries. But the new Quarter has opened more auspiciously; already 22 have come in and we predict great things along the line of Social Service and Local Work for the year 1913.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,
Lafayette, La.

REPORT OF PRESS SUPERINTENDENT.

The Bulletin has been received and mailed regularly to each Auxiliary, Press Superintendent, or Corresponding Secretary,

also to the Young People and Juvenile Societies, and State Officers, usually two copies to each.

With the September and December Bulletins 100 report blanks were enclosed, of which eight were returned, one from each of the following: Mrs. Joe Wynn, Crowley; Miss Florence Phillips, Opelousas; Mrs. M. N. James, Boyce; Mrs. E. J. Shair, New Orleans; Mrs. W. A. Nabors, Mansfield; Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Natchitoches, and two from Miss Mollie Lawrence of Haughton. About ninety women have property in their possession that does not belong to them.

MRS. A. C. McKINNEY,
Press Superintendent.

CITY MISSION BOARD—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Jan. 1st, 1912, to Dec. 31st, 1912.

Balance from Missionary Account	$ 62.13	
Balance from General Account	30.48	$ 92.61
Receipts for Missionary Account	910.37	
Receipts for General Account	186.65	$1097.02
		$1189.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Missionary Account	$972.50	
General Account	210.55	$1183.05
Balance on hand General Account		$6.58

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ELMER E. WOOD, Treas.

ANNUAL REPORT—ST. MARK'S HALL, NEW ORLEANS

Jan. 24, 1912 to Jan. 22, 1913.

Number of Trained Workers Employed by your Board	4
Number of Salaried Workers Employed by your Board	9
Number of Volunteer Workers Employed by your Board	27
Number of Kindergartens	1
Number of Children Enrolled in Kindergartens	45
Number of Industrial Schools	4
Number of Children Enrolled in Industrial Schools	331
Number of Night Schools	1
Number of Students Enrolled in Night Schools	84

Number of Boys' Clubs (Boy Scouts)..... 1
Number of Boys' Enrolled in Clubs, about..... 50
Number of Free Reading Rooms 1
Number of Persons Attending the Reading Rooms, No Record
Number of Girls' Clubs 2
Number of Girls Enrolled in Clubs..... 21
Number of Men's Clubs 1
Number of Enrollment 30
Number of Women's Clubs 1
Number of Women Enrolled in Mothers' Clubs..... 18
Number of Dispensaries 1
Number of Patients Treated in Dispensaries.....430
A Church Organization, membership..... 36
Value of Supplies and Money Received for Distribution...$60.00
Number of Visits Made.....1161
Received 220
Number of Visits to Institutions, Hospitals, Jails, etc..... 136
Opportunities for Prayer and Bible-reading..... 300
Number of Persons Aided..... 65
Number of Gospels, Testaments, Papers and Tracts Distributed 200
Outing Work at Biloxi, Miss., during August, Forty-three Guests, Expense $120.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERTA BAKER.

REPORT OF WERLEIN MISSION, NEW ORLEANS.

Number Visits in Homes.....500
Number Visits to Institutions..... 50
Opportunities for Prayer and Bible-reading.....248
Number of Persons Aided 615
Number of Garments Given.....400
Papers and Tracts Distributed.....800
Groceries Given .....70 Times
Value of Cash and Supplies Given for Distribution.....$ 1.80
Amount Spent for Medicine..... 16.00
Amount Given in Cash 45.25
Amount Raised and Spent for Special Cases 57.00
Amount Spent for Supplies for Mission Building, Soap, Brooms, etc 15.60
Amount Spent for Small Repairs on Mission Building.... 25.00
Amount Spent for Shelter and Food for Unemployed.... 50.00
Transportation Secured for Eight Persons.

L. MEEKINS.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT.

I have been forced, on account of trouble with my eyes, to make this report as concise as possible.

This year has marked a growth in the work, and an increase, for which we are deeply grateful. In spite of the heavy burdens that were placed on our people by the overflow in the Spring, our membership has grown, and the collections have been better than ever before in our history. Out of hearts filled with joy and gratitude we can say: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Miss Davies visited our Conference in the Fall. Wherever she went the impress of her spirit-filled life was felt. Whether her audiences were large or small, her effort to promote an understanding of the various phases of our work, and to enlist more of the women in this great cause of missions, was earnest and untiring. We believe that her itinerary in Louisiana was fruitful of lasting good.

Home Mission Week, Nov. 17-24, which was set aside by the Protestant churches of the United States as a time for study of conditions in the home field, was chosen by the Woman's Council as our Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Collections taken in the Auxiliaries in Louisiana amounted to $279.41, an increase of $69.71 over last year.

According to a recent letter from Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Editorial Sec., Board of Missions, and Editor of the "Missionary Voice," Louisiana is one of ten Conferences in Southern Methodism which has been listed as "up to the standard" in subscriptions to the Missionary Voice. Out of a membership, Home and Foreign, of 2687, we have 629 subscribers to the Voice, making an average of one subscriber to every four members. Let us push forward this year to the line of "Banner Conferences,"—one subscriber to every three members.

We have had reported to us auxiliaries organized as follows: Adult (united), 4; Adult (Home Dept.), 8; Young People, 6; Junior Division, 11; Total, 29.

A comparison with the Treasurer's report for 1911 shows an increase in dues collected in 1912 of $503.64.

Amount Collected for Both Local and Connectional Work, 1911	$ 8,491.41
Amount Collected for Both Local and Connectional Work, 1912	13,039.11
Increase	$4,547.70

Appropriations from our Conference, half of dues made at the last Annual Meeting in Natchitoches, have been paid as follows:—

For Conference Expenses	$100.00
For St. Mark's, New Orleans	274.79
For French Mission Work	274.79
For Schools under the direction of the W. M. Council	274.80
Total	$924.38

I feel that special reference should be made to the kindly and friendly spirit shown to our Conference Society by our church paper, "The New Orleans Christian Advocate." The columns given so willingly for the publication of anything relative to the Woman's Missionary work have been of great interest and practical benefit.

The Editress of this department, Mrs. Robert F. Harrell, receives the news items from the Conference Press Superintendents of the three Conferences, Mississippi, North Mississippi and Louisiana, and assorts and arranges this news, and gives it out to us in a forceful, concise style. Mrs. Harrell's work has been most satisfactory and creditable.

And now we come to the subject which is very near to our hearts—our Conference Pledge.

In 1910, the Louisiana Conference pledged $1,000.00, over and above dues, which should be used for the maintenance of Schools and Missions, under the Woman's Missionary Council. Any innovation takes time and patience and perseverence to bring it to the full understanding and approval of the people. This "Pledge System" has been no exception. During the first year, 1910, $94.75 was collected; 1911, $407.68; and last year, 1912, $606.99. This growth is splendid, and now that our women

thoroughly understand the necessity and urgent need of this extra donation, we anticipate no trouble in collecting the full amount.

Shall we promise again this year only $1,000.00? One auxiliary alone has already reported a pledge of $218.00, and will collect another $100.00 from outside friends, making $318.00.

Within our own Conference we have two great Mission fields: The Italian work in New Orleans, with St. Mark's as a center; and the broad French Mission territory in southwest Louisiana. Let us put forth every effort to help in these two fields.

Mrs. MacDonell, Gen. Sec., says of St. Mark's, "I know of no Mission field that has had quicker and larger fruits." And at this meeting we will have the opportunity of hearing some of the marvelous results from the preaching of the gospel among the French speaking of Louisiana.

The following is the statistical report:—

		Increase
Number of adult auxiliaries	73	4
Number of adult members in auxiliaries	1787	388
Number of Young People auxiliaries	10	6
Number of Young People members in auxiliaries	191	116
Number of Junior Divisions	20	11
Number of Junior members	394	254
Total number of members	2372	748
Number or life members	25	2
Total number of members in Baby Roll	255	222
Number of subscribers to Missionary Voice	495	59
Number taking Home Mission Reading Course	660	596
Number using leaflets, bulletin, and secular press	39	27
Number pledged to tithing	147	44
Number of boxes of supplies sent off and reported to Supt. Supply Dept	19	....
Number of deaconess scholarships given this year, $150 from Slidell	1	....
Number of papers and leaflets distributed	6579	3926
Number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	19	3
Auxiliaries visiting sick and strangers	40	....
Auxiliaries visiting corrective or benevolent institutions	14	....
Auxiliaries holding Cottage Prayer meetings or		

Bible-readings	22	....
Auxiliaries distributing garments in good order	42	....
How many auxiliaries in the cities hold union meetings	10	....
How many auxiliaries are represented in City Mission Board	10	....
How many deaconesses and City Missionaries are employed	6	....

MRS. CROW GIRARD,
Conf. Cor. Sec., Home Dept.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Number of Districts	7
New Auxiliaries, Adult	3
New Auxiliaries, Young People	5
New Auxiliaries, Junior Division	9
Total new Auxiliaries	17
New Members, Adult	41
New Members, Young People	67
New Members, Junior Division	254
Total new Members	215
Auxiliaries, Adult	44
Auxiliaries, Young People	10
Auxiliaries, Junior Division	17
Total Auxiliaries	71
Members, Adult	1037
Members, Young People	183
Members, Junior Division	394
Total Members	1614
Total Members	1614
Total Baby Enrollment	253
Life Members	19
Honorary Life Members	2
Subscribers to Missionary Voice	408
Subscribers to Young Christian Worker	64
Members of Mission Study Classes	660
Missionaries Supported	2
Scholarships	17
Bible Women	6
Amount Pledged by Conference	$1800
Amount Paid by Conference	$1311
Adult Junior and Young People's Leaflets	2763
Helps for Auxiliary	20

Circular Letters	380
Circular Postals	126
Bulletins	100
Quiz on Conference Minutes	100
Report Blanks	182
Communications Answered	200

"The success of missions lies in three things: An aim, a purpose and a business policy." These words come to us with greater force than ever, as we begin the work of a new year. In the past months we have had before us "Double our membership, double our offering." This aim was high, perhaps too high, for we have not reached either, by far. Perhaps if we had doubled our prayer life, then, indeed, these material results would have been accomplished.

There is a small gain in every item listed above, save two, not the gains that we wanted to make, but such that we feel must impel us to greater effort. No longer should we hide behind the lateness of our Annual Meeting, with the consequent delay in getting the work before the auxiliaries; nor should we let the adjusting of conditions incident to unification, nor new ways of reporting and new report blanks, nor constant changing of officers, nor floods, nor even our pet bulwark,—"peculiar conditions"—keep us longer from reaching the goal that we set. We have come to the time when we must enlarge the place of our tent, with strengthened stakes, lengthen out the cords and "Go Forward, Forward, Forward."

We have cause for rejoicing in the forty united societies out of the forty-four on the roll of the Foreign Department. God grant that the day may soon come when we shall know no lines in our service, but shall, as one, give of our heart's best love and offerings to bringing light wherever there is darkness.

The greatest increase in membership does not come from the adult societies. The two new organizations, Wilson and Lecompte, together with a reorganization at Gueydan, brings the membership up to 1037, or an increase of 41. The five new organizations among the young people, at Minden, Rayne Memorial, Parker Memorial, Slidell and Felicity, brings 67 new members under the care of the Second Vice-President. With the Junior Division bringing in the largest gain, 254 in the year, we

have a total of 394 children in 17 societies. I know that my figures may not tally with those of either of the Vice-Presidents. Some organizations have been reported to them of which the District ecrSetaries, and hence the Conference Secretaries, have had no notification. It may sound trite to say that these discrepancies should no longer occur. More and more we see the absolute necessity of monthly or even quarterly auxiliary executive meetings in order that there may be anything like accuracy in reporting. Every officer's report is dependent in greater or less degree upon those of the other officers. By-law 10 for Conference Societies says that the Conference Corresponding Secretary shall "forward a detailed report of each organization to the Council Corresponding Secretary." Blanks are furnished for these. How can we send except they be sent us. As officers we want to see things done decently and in order. A little care in these small matters will make much for the success and accuracy of our work. Just here may I urge the auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries to give to your District Secretary all information about the conduct of meetings, successes in getting members and in getting finances paid in full, that she may pass the good word on.

It has been a great source of satisfaction to have our missionary page of the New Orleans Advocate so full of information and inspiration, under the able editorship of Mrs. R. F. Harrell, representing the three contributing conferences. How much better this new plan is than the old one!

According to the items above, Louisiana has 408 subscribers to the Voice,—more inaccuracy,—from which we turn with real pleasure to take the official list sent out by the Editor recently showing 629. In this we have reached the standard set for other conferences,—one in four. If we can do this well we can do better, aim higher. Shall we say 1000 subscribers for 1913? And what of the Young Christian Worker! Below last year's small record. And this paper is so necessary. Spring is on, the sap is rising. Are we to stop the flow of life into the young and tender branches? How can 394 young plants live, when only 64 are having any nourishment?

The Henry Skipwith Harper scholarship—Brazil, supported

by the Natchitoches Juniors—was formerly known as the "Ring," taken out in 1907 to redeem a little silver ring, the gift of a Korean woman, and which was paid each year up to the time of the union of the Conference Societies by the Foreign Missionary Society in Annual Session. It floated for two years and was glad to be transferred to these new friends. The Fannie Noel, Durango, Mexico, Noel Memorial Auxiliary, and the Maccie Haas, Korea, Miss Maccie Hass, Bunkie, are the new scholarships of 1912, and make a total of 17. The new Bible women—Hattie Haas, Korea, Mrs. W. D. Haas, Bunkie—gives us now 6 Bible women.

The Rio de Janeiro School for girls will be built, as we know, by the offerings of the Jubilee year. In 1911, of our offering of $1500, we redeemed $80.75. This last year there was nearly $700 paid. It is a debt, until all is paid. Brazilian girlhood needs our help. Let us be faithful to them.

To the extent of $145.11 we paid tribute to the work in war-clouded Mexico City during the week of Prayer. Scarcely more than 10 cents each for our membership. I fear few observed this special season of thanksgiving.

The Sam Hunter Scholarship at Scarritt is in use by our own Miss Cora Godat, daughter of our New Orleans District Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Godat. What joy she is finding in these days of preparation, she writes. She is ours to hold before the Father's throne that He may make of her a very filled vessel, perfected in His own way.

There is also our Miss Helen Johnston at Rebeirao Preto, who needs added strength, for the laborer in Brazil finds unusual burdens to bear; and Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne, at Durango, Mexico. What worker is in more troubled surroundings! Let us pause often to ask God's guidance and care for them and that He keep us true to them, remembering that their care should be the concern of every Louisiana woman.

Finances are left for the Treasurer to report, but I want to call your attention to some facts regarding our moneys. We paid $1311, a little more than in 1911, but still far behind our pledge of $1800 for missionaries' salaries. This amount was paid by 26 auxiliaries, 4 of whom made no pledge; the other 22 had re-

ported a definite amount to be raised. Some did not raise the full amount. One did not pay any of it, while some have the right idea,—that of making the auxiliary pledge the minimum amount to be given for this part of the work. Some women would gladly pay the $40 for a scholarship or $60 for a Bible woman, both from true missionary zeal and in memory of a loved one. They could then pay little or nothing towards this $1800 for which we, as a Conference, are wholly responsible. Specials are all right, but cannot be cared for on the fields unless the missionaries are there. Let these give way to the broader phases of mission work and let us put our very best effort into caring for this, our Conference obligation.

We credit our failures in the past to the lack of a business policy in our endeavors. There has not been that definiteness of purpose which comes from well-defined plans to have each district responsible for a certain amount of work. Shall we turn from the old way of leaving each auxiliary to work out, or not, a policy of its own, and apportion our work, and finances, by districts, taking as a basis that that was accomplished in 1912?

There should be some changes made in the items of our Standard of Excellence for the Roll of Honor at this meeting to suit these apportionments.

How long, dear women, will we let some one else pay that which we, under God should pay? Surely we do not realize just how important it is. We feel that the success of our work depends, in large measure, upon our prayerful understanding of our responsibility in the matter. Truly has it been said that "Responsibility is individual, untransferable, urgent."

The regular fund, including all dues, membership offerings, life membership, etc., is used for the purchase of buildings, their up-keep, outfit and travel of new missionaries, salaries of those not cared for by the Conferences and for home administration.

Under Special funds we have scholarships, Bible women, Day Schools, the Station plan—providing for the support of all or part of a station, sub-station or out-station,—thus supplementing the regular fund, and the Pledge or Extension fund. The work grows so rapidly, larger and better equipped schools, music departments, kindergarten, and the like are needed to keep pace

with governmental requirements. To project this new work,—for "we must take the current while it serves,"—to be able to send out new missionaries, each Conference society is asked to pledge annually a certain sum for this purpose. In Louisiana, our Conference Special or Pledge is for the support of our two missionaries.

We pray God to call young women into service. We are in earnest. The training schools are sending out, each year, splendidly equipped young women. What are we doing towards making it possible for these very girls to go to the whitened harvest fields? "A man must make his opportunity as oft as find it." Are we looking beyond to that time, in 1914, when we shall again have one of our Louisiana girls ready for service? Will we be ready for that opportunity? God help us.

I cannot refrain from giving expression to my deep appreciation of the labors of my dear friends and fellow officers—each and every member of the Executive Committee, and the District Secretaries, too. What has been accomplished this year has been because of their love, their prayers, their interest, their work, coupled with the answering chords in the hearts of the women in the ranks. During my absence of five months from the Conference, when the days of waiting were spent in the presence of Him who gives strength sufficient for all needs, how much of comfort there was in the loving words and prayers of these home friends!

Remembering the three essentials to success,—an aim, a purpose and a business policy,—and having the faith that shall remove the mountains of difficulties and "peculiar conditions" around us, we are assured that we shall see the "exceeding abundance" in this year's work, and with courage take as our aim "Forward" to

A total membership of.....2000
A total list of subscribers to Voice.....1000
A total list of subscribers to Young Christian Worker..... 200

Pledge of $2000 paid in full.

A Conference of United Auxiliaries, united in love and labors.

MRS. A. P. HOLT.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
Alexandria	$33.00	$36.00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$4.80	$.....
Bethel	6.30	1.50								1.25	
Boyce	2.40	.20				.20		.10	.10	1.00	
Boyce Young Peoples	.75	3.89									
Boyce Juniors	.75	.50						2.23			
Bunkie	21.90	44.88	40.00	60.00		.95				5.20	
Bunkie Young Peoples	5.40	2.75									
Colfax											
Columbia											
Eden											
Le Compte	5.30	30.00							9.60		
Natchitoches	29.90	12.00							6.82	11.00	
Natchitoches Young Peoples	5.30	3.50							.85		
Natchitoches Juniors	2.45	2.05	40.00					6.70	7.14		
Opelousas	18.85	42.70	60.00		.25	1.50			5.00	4.28	
Rochelle											
Totals	132.30	179.97	140.00	60.00	.25	2.65		9.03	29.51	27.53	

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—HOME DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Week of Prayer Offering	Scarritt Endowment	Relief Fund	Mite Box Collection	Expense Fund	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer	Amount Expended Locally, etc.	Total Expended Locally	Grand Total
Alexandria	$ 53.05	$ 8.05	$10.00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 7.30	$152.20	$61.95	$61.95	$214.15
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.05	.....	.....	9.05
Boyce	24.55	10.00	.....	.....	.....	1.65	4.35	44.55	166.00	166.00	210.55
Boyce Young Peoples	1.35	3.89	.....	.....	.....	.35	.....	10.23	.....	.....	10.23
Boyce Juniors	1.20	.50	.....	.....	.....	1.14	.....	6.32	.....	.....	6.32
Bunkie	27.44	25.00	.....	.....	.....	2.23	4.75	232.35	.....	.....	232.35
Bunkie Young Peoples	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.15	.....	.....	8.15
Colfax	18.75	.....	6.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.81	136.51	136.51	161.32
Columbia	15.10	.....	21.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	36.30	8.55	8.55	44.85
Eden	8.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.40	376.05	376.05	384.45
Le Compte	31.80	30.00	9.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	116.30	11.60	11.60	127.90
Natchitoches	39.30	12.00	6.82	.....	.....	.....	3.50	121.34	.....	.....	121.34
Natchitoches Young Peoples.	5.40	3.00	.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.90	.....	.....	18.90
Natchitoches Juniors	2.50	1.35	7.14	.....	.....	4.45	.....	73.78	28.25	28.25	102.03
Opelousas	6.30	2.50	10.15	.40	.50	.....	.50	152.93	99.80	99.80	252.73
Rochelle	12.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.60	15.15	15.15	27.75
Totals	247.74	96.29	71.82	.40	.50	9.82	20.40	1028.21	903.86	903.86	1922.07

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
Amite	5.65	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Baker											
Baker Juniors	2.80	1.00									
Baton Rouge	38.90	47.25	40.00			.95	10.00		5.05	7.00	
Franklinton	7.10										
Gayden, Pine Grove	7.50	63.50	80.00						5.00	3.15	
Hammond	5.00										
Kentwood	1.27										
St. Francisville	6.00	2.30				.30				2.00	
Slaughter											
Wilson											
Zachary	13.65										
Zona	1.25										
Totals	89.12	114.05	120.00			1.25	10.00		10.05	12.15	

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—HOME DEPARTMENT.

SOCIETIES—	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Scarritt Endowment.....	Relief Fund.....	Mite Box Collection.....	Expense Fund....	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer.	Amount Expended Locally, etc. ...	Total Expended Locally.....	Grand Total.....
Amite	5.10	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$10.75	$56.34	$56.34	$ 67.09
Baker	16.00	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.35	39.35	.....	.....	39.35
Baker Juniors	.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.45	.....	.....	4.45
Baton Rouge	16.60	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	168.25	.....	.....	168.25
Franklinton	23.95	35.00	5.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	71.75	54.37	54.37	126.12
Gayden, Pine Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159.15	.....	.....	159.15
Hammond	37.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.15	45.65	179.20	179.29	224.85
Kentwood	23.35	.....	2.15	.....	.....	.....	.75	27.52	2.10	2.10	29.62
St. Francisville	9.00	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60	20.50	91.50	91.50	112.00
Slaughter	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00
Wilson	38.00	.....	3.50	.....	.....	1.77	4.75	48.02	166.45	166.45	214.47
Zachary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.65	.....	.....	13.65
Zona	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	2.50
Totals	172.40	56.80	11.35	.....	.....	1.77	13.60	612.54	549.96	549.96	1162.50

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
Algiers	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Carrollton	32.70	70.00	40.00	60.00	2.00	1.25	129.00	.....	7.85	7.60	.....
Carrollton Juniors	1.47	.76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.77	.....	.....	.....
Donaldsonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Church, New Orleans	49.35	.85	40.00	.....	.....	3.78	192.50	.....	.....	8.47	5.00
Felicity	24.60	36.90	.....	.....	.....	1.25	230.00	.....	.....	3.85	.....
Felicity Young Peoples	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Felicity Juniors	1.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.09	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana Ave.	18.90	20.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary Werlein	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McDonoghville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parker Memorial	25.80	17.51	.....	.....	.....	1.10	6.15	.....	.....	3.60	.....
Rayne Memorial	37.05	171.65	120.00	60.00	.....	3.00	366.00	.....	13.00	7.50	2.00
Second Church, New Orleans	13.90	9.50	.....	.....	.....	.30	.....	.....	4.35	.....	.....
Second Church Juniors	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Slidel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Slidel Young Peoples	1.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Slidel Juniors	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.73	.....	.....	.....
Vacherie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	209.87	327.52	200.00	120.00	2.00	10.68	923.65	3.57	20.85	31.02	7.00

SOCIETIES—	Dues	Pledge	Week of Prayer Offering	Relief Fund	Mite Box Collection	Expense Fund	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer	Amount Expended Locally, etc.	Amount Expended for City Misions	Total Expended Locally	Grand Total
Algiers	$11.45	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 2.00	$ 13.45	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 3.00	$ 16.45
*Carrollton	29.15	12.00	8.25	.35	.....	6.85	407.00	142.50	120.00	281.00	688.00
Carrollton Juniors	1.98	.....	.....	.....	.76	.....	5.74	.....	.....	.....	15.74
Donaldsonville	4.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.70	8.10	.....	8.10	12.80
First Church, New Orleans	85.50	6.00	.....	5.10	.....	14.10	410.65	.....	.....	.....	410.65
Felicity	26.75	3.00	.....	.....	.....	2.20	328.55	26.00	22.50	48.50	377.05
Felicity Young Peoples	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Felicity Juniors	1.80	.....	.....	.....	1.41	.....	7.05	.....	.....	.....	7.05
Louisiana Ave.	28.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67.82	327.05	28.65	355.70	423.52
Madisonville	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.60	.....	.....	.....	2.60
Mary Werlein	30.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.40	.....	.....	.....	30.40
McDonoghville	16.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.70	.....	.....	.....	16.70
Parker Memorial	46.80	16.60	.....	.....	.....	6.15	123.71	241.11	50.40	291.51	415.22
Rayne Memorial	43.40	4.05	13.00	.....	.....	19.40	860.05	306.20	184.00	490.20	1350.25
Second Church, New Orleans	24.20	5.00	4.35	.....	.....	.....	61.60	95.10	.....	95.10	156.70
Second Church Juniors	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.25
Slidel	25.85	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	26.85	135.30	.....	135.30	162.15
Slidel Young Peoples	1.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60	.....	.....	.....	3.60
Slidel Juniors	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	1.23	.....	.....	.....	1.23
Vacherie	5.70	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.90	11.60	9.00	.....	9.00	20.60
New Orleans District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.70	4.70	.....	.....	.....	4.70
Totals	387.06	51.65	26.60	5.45	1.67	56.30	2390.25	1292.36	405.55	1717.41	4107.66

*Carrollton—Value of supplies sent off, $18.50.

RUSTON DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
Arcadia	$ 10.45	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Athens											
Bernice											
Dubach											
Haughton											
Haynesville	13.50										
Homer	22.90	40.00							1.00	2.65	
Minden	29.60	136.80	40.00		2.00	1.40			4.55	5.75	
Minden Young Peoples	2.45										
Minden Juniors	.40							1.19			
Ruston	51.00	50.00			2.00	.60			5.85	9.70	
Winnfield											
Totals	130.30	226.80	40.00		4.00	2.00		1.19	11.40	18.10	

RUSTON DISTRICT—HOME DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Week of Prayer Offering	Relief Fund	Mite Box Collection	Expense Fund	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer	Value Supplies Sent Off	Amount Expended Locally, etc.	Total Expended Locally	Grand Total
Arcadia	$ 10.45	$	$	$	$	$	$ 20.90	$	$	$	$ 20.90
Athens	10.95						10.95				10.95
Bernice	11.00						11.00		20.00	20.00	31.00
Dubach	7.60						7.60		23.70	23.70	31.30
Haughton	20.55		3.95		.81	3.30	28.61		33.18	33.18	61.79
Haynesilvle	25.70		7.35			.90	47.45				47.45
Homer	27.25					5.50	99.30		270.05	270.05	369.35
Minden	33.00	45.85	4.80	.50		5.65	309.90	48.69	18.65	67.34	377.24
Minden Young Peoples	2.45						4.90				4.90
Minden Juniors		.40			1.19		3.18				3.18
Ruston	49.45	41.50	7.24			9.65	226.99		112.46	112.46	339.45
Winnfield	19.20		2.50			2.70	24.40				24.40
Toatls	217.60	87.75	25.84	.50	2.00	27.70	795.18	48.69	478.04	526.73	1321.91

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

SOCIETIES—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
Crowley	$41.65	$105.10	$40.00	$.....	$ .40	$ 1.30	$ 42.50	$.....	$ 6.90	$ 7.40	.....
Crowley Young Peoples	10.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crowley Juniors	2.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....
Eunice	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gueydan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette	48.10	32.50	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	20.50	7.30	6.52
Lafayette Young Peoples	1.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette Juniors	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Arthur	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Charles	18.75	23.00	.....	.....	.....	.45	.....	.....	2.20	3.00	.....
Merryville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rayne	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.60	.....
Sulphur	4.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	135.00	165.60	40.00	.....	.40	2.75	57.50	2.25	29.60	18.30	6.52

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—HOME DEPARTMENT

SOCIETIES—	Dues	Pledge	Week of Prayer Offering	Scarritt Endowment	Relief Fund	Mite Box Collection	Expense Fund	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer	Amount Expended Locally, etc.	Total Expended Locally	Grand Total
Crowley	$41.75	$ 12.70	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 1.00	$300.70	$378.89	$378.89	$679.59
Crowley Young Peoples	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.45	.....	.....	15.45
Crowley Juniors	1.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	8.35	.....	.....	8.35
Eunice	22.90	.....	5.25	.....	.....	.....	4.25	32.40	49.65	49.65	82.05
Gueydan	6.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.10	.....	.....	6.10
Houma	13.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.20	388.73	388.73	401.93
*Lafayette	37.99	34.00	20.50	.....	1.47	.....	13.04	223.92	83.00	93.00	315.92
Lafayette Young Peoples	1.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.55	.....	.....	3.55
Lafayette Juniors	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	1.50
Lake Arthur	9.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.60	.....	.....	9.60
Lake Charles	36.70	14.00	2.20	.....	.....	.....	5.75	111.05	.....	.....	111.05
Merryville	16.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.10	.....	.....	16.10
Morgan City	10.55	10.00	2.25	.....	.....	.....	1.00	23.80	.....	.....	23.80
Rayne	24.55	13.80	11.50	.....	1.90	.80	5.75	79.90	91.80	91.80	171.70
Sulphur	3.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	9.60	43.00	43.00	52.60
Totals	232.64	84.50	41.70	.....	3.37	2.30	31.79	854.22	1035.07	1045.07	1899.29

*Lafayette—Value supplies sent off, $10.

MONROE DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
Mer Rouge	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Monroe	39.40	23.15	.....	.....	.....	.35	.....	.....	4.80	11.85	.....
West Monroe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Ridge	13.80	9.20	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Ridge Young Peoples	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rayville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winsboro	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterproof	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	53.20	32.35	.....	.....	2.00	.35	.....	.....	4.80	11.85	.....

MONROE DISTRICT—HOME DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Scarritt Endowment.....	Relief Fund.....	Mite Box Collection.....	Expense Fund....	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer.	Amount Expended Locally, etc. ...	Total Expended Locally.....	Grand Total.....
Mer Rouge	25.10	$10.00	$14.50	$.....	$.....	$ 3.10	$.....	$ 52.70	$232.19	$232.19	$284.89
Monroe	38.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.75	125.90	.....	.....	125.90
West Monroe	30.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.44	.....	.....	30.44
Oak Ridge	24.00	15.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	67.00	28.00	28.19	95.00
Oak Ridge Young Peoples....	9.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.70	.....	.....	9.70
Rayville	22.20	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.35	41.55	.....	.....	41.55
Winsboro	13.15	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.40	32.00	32.00	46.40
Waterproof	17.70	.....	3.60	.....	.....	.....	2.25	23.55	.....	.....	23.55
Totals	180.89	40.00	19.35	2.00	.....	3.10	15.35	365.24	292.19	292.19	657.43

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

SOCIETIES—	Dues	Pledge	Scholarships	Bible Women	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Jubilee Offering	Mite Box Collection	Week of Prayer Offering	Expense Fund	Other Specials
De Ridder	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
First Church, Shreveport	81.55	210.95	40.00	120.00	2.00	3.05			20.90	18.70	13.45
Grand Cane	22.05	3.25									.25
Greenwood	25.10										
Greenwood Juniors	6.80	3.23									
Keachie	6.60	6.80									
Leesville											
Logansport											
Mansfield	23.95	38.05				5.30	1.00	2.32	26.65	1.35	
Many											
Many Young Peoples	1.00										
Noel Memorial	27.70	13.60	40.00					4.84		3.35	
Texas Ave.											.90
Queensborough											
Zwolle											
Totals	194.75	275.88	80.00	120.00	2.00	8.35	1.00	7.16	47.55	23.40	14.60

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—HOME DEPARTMENT

Societies—	Dues	Pledge	Week of Prayer Offering	Mite Box Collection	Expense Fund	Total Remitted Conf. Treasurer	Value Supplies Sent Off	Amount Expended Locally, etc.	Amount Expended for City Misions	Total Expended Locally	Grand Total,
De Ridder	$21.60	$	$	$	$	$ 21.60	$ 43.00	$ 42.21		85.21	106.81
*First Church, Shrevep't	98.00	100.00	24.90		6.55	744.45	20.00	1497.75	672.38	2190.13	2934.58
Grand Cane	20.80	2.25	10.20			58.80		34.20		34.20	93.00
Greenwood						25.10					25.10
Greenwood Juniors						10.03					10.03
Keachie						13.40					13.40
Leesville	33.70	16.50	21.00		4.10	75.30		65.20		65.20	140.50
Logansport	19.20	17.00			1.00	37.20					37.20
Mansfield	42.65	35.00	26.65		5.00	207.92	10.00	420.52		430.52	638.44
**Many	25.70	11.00		.09	12.45	49.89		345.95		345.95	395.84
Many Young Peoples						1.00					1.00
***Noel Memorial	63.05	8.25		4.83	8.10	174.82		1091.19		1091.19	1266.01
Texas Ave.	9.90			2.00		12.80		673.11		673.11	685.91
Queensborough	4.95					4.95					4.95
Zwolle	10.20					10.20		156.95		156.95	167.15
Totals	349.75	190.00	82.75	6.92	37.20	1447.46	73.00	4170.13	672.38	5072.46	6519.92

*First Church, Shreveport—Scarritt endowment, $200; Relief Fund, $2.40.
**Many--Relief Fund, 65 cents.
***Noel Memorial—Scarritt Endowment, $1.10.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid—		
General Treasurer	$6,992.56	
Miss Billingsley Hunter School	180.00	
N. O. Advocate for minutes and stationery	186.37	
Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature acc't	52.32	
Mrs. Bliss, expense acc't	14.79	
Mrs. Kennedy, expense acc't	35.28	
Mrs. Bobbitt, expense acc't	9.25	
Mrs. Wynn, expense acc't	27.08	
Mrs. Singleton, expense acc't	121.20	
Mrs. Holt, expense acc't	116.15	
Mrs. Girard, expense acc't	32.86	
Mrs. Holmes, expense acc't	11.80	
Mrs. McKinney, expense acc't	24.70	
Mrs. James, expense acc't	9.90	
Mrs. Eskridge, expense acc't	16.47	
Mrs. R. C. Holt, expense acc't	2.93	
Mrs. Keener, expense acc't	6.90	
Mrs. Godat, expense acc't	15.70	
Mrs. Vaughan, expense acc't	16.12	
Mrs. Johnson, expense acc't	6.09	
Mrs. Milsaps, expense acc't	3.50	
Mrs. O'Beirne, travel to Natchitoches	5.35	
Miss Eliza Iles, travel to Natchitoches	10.70	
Dr. Moore, travel to Natchitoches	12.87	
Treas. City Mission Bd., N. O	70.50	
	$7,981.39	
Bal. on hand both Depts	179.16	
		$8,160.55

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Foreign Department.

Adult Dues	$ 883.79	
Young People Dues	18.35	
Junior Dues	15.40	
Baby Roll Dues	2.00	
Life Member Dues	25.00	
Conference Pledge	1,323.36	
Scholarships	620.00	
Bible Women	300.00	
Special for Korea	30.00	
Scarritt Training School	10.65	
Retirement Fund	28.03	
Trueheart Lectureship	2.00	
Jubilee Offering	992.15	
Easter Offering	3.00	
Memorial Fund	10.00	
Week of Prayer	158.11	
Mite Box Collections, Adult	4.94	
Mite Box Collections, Juniors	13.47	
Mite Box Collections, Baby	3.62	
Thank Offering	.45	
Conference Expense	147.00	
Hunter Scholarship	180.00	
Total for 1912		$4,771.32

Home Department.

Amt. Raised for Adult Dues	$1,732.65	
Amt. Raised for Young People's Dues	23.30	
Amt. Raised for Juniors' Dues	11.27	
Amt. Raised for Baby Roll Dues	8.85	
Amt. Raised for Hon. and Life Dues	12.00	
Amt. Raised Week of Prayer, Adult	271.42	
Amt. Raised Week of Prayer, Young People	.85	
Amt. Raised Week of Prayer, Juniors	7.14	
Amt. Raised from Junior Mite Boxes	20.93	
Amt. Raised from Baby Mite Boxes	7.65	
Amt. Raised for Conference Pledge	606.99	
Amt. Raised for Helm Hall	7.67	
Amt. Raised for Retirement Fund	12.87	
Amt. Raised for Scarritt Training School	5.50	
Amt. Raised for Conference Expense	202.34	
Received Conf. Expense Refunded	1.90	
Received from Genl. Treas. for N. O. City Miss. Bd.	70.50	
		$3,003.83

Local Work.

Value Supplies sent off	150.19	
Value Supplies given locally	1,616.68	
Amt. Expended for needy	1,106.50	
Amt. Expended for Parsonages	2,432.41	
Amt. Expended Sundry Specials	1,193.10	
Auxiliary Expense Fund	89.43	
Report by Aux. for City Missions	1,078.93	
Report by City Miss. Boards	960.00	
		$11,067.68

Grand Total $14,071.51

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

Total Receipts, Home Dept	$ 3,003.83
Total Receipts, For. Dept	4,771.32
Bal. from 1911, Home Dept	154.57
Bal. from 1911, For. Dept	30.83
Refund from Genl. Treas. for Expense	200.00
	$ 8,160.55
Total for Local Work and City Miss. Bds	11,067.68
	$19,228.23

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Treas.

Minden, La., March 1, 1913.

This is to certify that I have carefully checked the books, accounts, statements, checks, and vouchers of Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for Louisiana, and I find same well kept, and correct.

CHAS. M. ROBERTS.

Minden, La., March 10th, 1913.

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

DISTRICTS—	Adult Auxiliaries..	Adult Auxiliary Members.....	Young People's Auxiliaries.....	Young People's Members.....	Junior Divisions..	Junior Members...	Total Members....	Life Members.....	Names Added to Baby Division...	Subscribers to Mis. Voice.....	Subscribers to Young Chris. W.	Papers & leaflets Distributed.....
Alexandria	.....	261	3	57	3	114	482	.....	59	57	24	408
Baton Rouge	7	184	.....	.....	1	22	206	1	16	41	1	.....
Lafayette	7	123	2	41	4	63	227	3	13	43	17	.....
Monroe	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	56	1	.....
New Orleans	7	206	4	54	5	67	327	.....	.....	118	14	.....
Ruston	.....	172	.....	21	1	38	210	1	.....	64	1	.....
Shreveport	7	214	.....	.....	3	65	279	1	.....	85	.....	.....
Total	30	1160	9	173	18	3691	1681	8	88	464	58	408

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

DISTRICTS—	Dues	Pledge	Mite Boxes	Conference Expense Fund	Specials	Bible Women	Jubilee Offering	Scholarships	Scarritt Endowment	Retirement Fund	Thank Offering	Total Amount Sent to the Conference Treasurer
Alexandria	$162.63	$154.03	$10.00	$7.40	$91.58	$60.00	$.....	$100.00	$....	$.....	$5.60	$591.24
Baton Rouge	99.12	114.05	.66	12.15	50.00	.....	10.00	120.00	.....	1.25	.....	407.23
Lafayette	135.00	165.60	2.25	18.30	32.75	.....	57.50	40.00	.....	.....	.....	451.40
Monroe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans	209.87	327.52	3.57	31.02	20.85	120.00	923.65	200.00	2.00	10.68	.....	1849.16
Ruston	130.30	226.60	.....	18.10	18.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	393.59
Shreveport	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$736.92	$987.80	$16.48	$86.97	$213.77	$180.00	$991.15	$460.00	$2.00	$11.93	$5.60	$3692.62

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES—HOME DEPARTMENT.

DISTRICTS—	Adult Auxiliaries..	Adult Members...	Young People's Auxiliaries.....	Young People's Members.....	Junior Divisions...	Junior Division Members.....	Total Members	Life Members.....	Names Added to Baby Division...	Subscribers to the Mis. Voice.....	Subscribers to the Young C. W.....	Enrolled in Study Classes.....	Using Leaflets, Secular Press, etc...	Pledged to Christian Stewardship	Boxes of supplies sent off, etc.....	Deaconess Scholarships Reported..	Papers and Leaflets Distributed..	Aux. Observing Week of Prayer..	Visits to sick and Strangers...	Visits made to Institutions, etc.	Cottage Prayer Meetings Held..	Garments Distributed.....
Alexandria ...	14	295	3	57	3	114	466	....	59	93	....	70	13	14	8	...	1838	7	....	...	....	....
Baton Rouge .	7	132	....	....	1	22	154	....	16	55	....	24	5	3	..	...	350	4	55	...	6	330
Lafayette	10	214	2	41	4	63	350	2	13	79	17	63	5	40	1	...	236	5	749	...	67	846
Monroe	8	205	....	....	1	...	...	2	....	56	1	31	....	..	..	...	....	...	....	...	....	....
New Orleans .	12	411	4	52	5	74	537	16	15	135	....	53	12	38	7	...	3934	5	2174	586	55	2333
Ruston	10	265	1	21	1	38	324	....	45	87	....	39	11	21	2	...	....	6	....	...	....	....
Shreveport ...	9	362	....	45	3	80	487	....	....	109	....	163	....	31	1	...	3	2	3	...	....	....
Total	70	1884	10	216	18	391	2318	20	148	614	18	443	46	147	19	...	6361	29	2981	586	128	3509

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES—HOME DEPARTMENT.

DISTRICTS—	Aux. Represented in City Mis. Bds.	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Mite Boxes.....	Conference Expense Fund.....	Specials.....	Local Work.....	Total Sent to Conference Treas...
Alexandria	.....	$260.09	$.....	$.....	$.....	$214.16	$1409.94	$474.25
Baton Rouge	.....	172.40	56.80	1.77	13.60	11.35	295.17	255.92
Lafayette	.....	231.80	.....	.....	.....	186.58	1045.07	418.38
Monroe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans	10	387.06	51.65	1.67	56.30	32.05	1292.36	528.73
Ruston	.....	217.60	143.79	.....	.....	.....	526.73	361.39
Shreveport	.....	399.75	.....	.....	.....	323.02	3014.04	722.77
Total	10	$1668.70	$252.24	$3.44	$69.90	$767.16	$7583.31	$2761.44

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

Your Committee on extending Missionary work in the Louisiana Conference, recommend:

1. That we adopt as our Conference Standard of Excellence for the Roll of Honor, the Standard given by the Council in the "Helps for Missionary Societies."

2. That the District Secretaries apportion the work for the year and set a standard for each auxiliary in their District towards which they may work.

3. That the most important items of the reports of the Committees of this Annual Meeting be edited by the Conference Secretaries and sent out to each auxiliary, that the work for the year may go before the women of the Conference without waiting for the printing of the Minutes.

4. That all auxiliaries hold their business meeting in the first week of the month, so that Conference officers, in sending communications, may know that they will be acted upon at a certain time, and that a reply may be expected without delay.

5. That the Executive Committee of each auxiliary meet at the end of each quarter to prepare and verify reports of each officer before sending them to District and Conference officers.

6. That the Week of Prayer be universally observed.

7. That in order to magnify our work, we have consecutive District meetings conducted along institute lines in October, if possible, to be followed by auxiliary institutes, at which time special effort shall be made to increase the circulation of The Missionary Voice and The Young Christian Worker.

8. That we observe Thursday of the World's Week of Prayer (first week of January) as a day of prayer for Woman's work.

MRS. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.
MRS. D. C. WORRELL, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee on Appropriations submit the following report:

Realizing the great need of Mission work in Louisiana, we

deem it best to do our part as a Missionary Society towards the extension of the centers already established in the State.

To this end we recommend that our 50% of dues be divided equally between our French Mission work in Southwestern Louisiana, and the much-needed building for the work in New Orleans, now located at St. Mark's Hall.

We also recommend that our Conference pledge be directed to the extension of the work now carried on at the above mentioned centers. MRS. E. R. KENNEDY, Chairman.

REPORT OF LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Using the motto of our Council Bulletin, "Speak unto the people that they go forward," and realizing the impossibility of going forward without definite information, we recommend:

.1 That we impress upon each individual in our auxiliary the responsibility resting upon her to take up the Study Course, if not through love, then from a sense of duty.

2. That our literature and our books be brought to each Annual Conference for sale, and some one appointed at each said Conference to dispose of same.

3. That we urge a prayerful reading of the leaflets, and The Missionary Voice, and that the items of the Bulletin be presented at each meeting.

4. That a Press Superintendent be appointed in each local auxiliary, and that she be instructed by the local president to report all matters of general interest to the Conference Press Superintendent, who in turn will forward same to the Editress of the Woman's Column in the New Orleans Christian Advocate. All auxiliary superintendents to fill out promptly and return to Press Supt. quarterly report blanks, and report change of officers when new ones are elected.

5. That we urge the Young People and Juniors to adopt their study course, and subscribe to The Missionary Voice, and The Young Christian Worker.

6. That all literature formerly sent out by the Conference Corresponding Secretaries be sent to the Conference Press Supt. for quarterly distribution to the District Secretary, who in turn will send them to Auxiliary Presidents monthly.

7. That in order to get our work before the people we should take advantage as often as possible of all space we can secure in both church and secular papers.

8. That we urge a careful and prayerful study of the Bible in order that we may gain a clearer vision of the work which the Master requires at our hands.

9. That the Editor of the Minutes be instructed to have 750 copies printed. MRS. R. F. HARRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing the importance of enlisting the young people in Missionary study and service, we recommend:

1. That where there are as many as six young people in any church an earnest attempt should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. That every auxiliary elect as Second Vice President a consecrated woman, especially adapted to lead young people.

3. That bright, interesting programs be used in their meetings and that a Mission Study Course be adopted.

4. That the Vice-Presidents of the Young People's Societies co-operate more heartily with the Vice-Presidents of Adult Societies, and that the Vice-Presidents of Adult Societies give them something definite to do each month.

5. That the young people be encouraged to take shares in the work in order to bring up their pledges.

6. That a public meeting be held at least once a year, and oftener if leader deems practicable.

7. That our young people be encouraged and urged to send representatives to the annual missionary meeting and missionary assemblies for young people.

8. That the social feature of the department be stressed, the leader using her judgment as to how and where to have social entertainment.

9. That the young people observe the Week of Prayer.

10. That in cities the Young People's Societies of all Protestant denominations should be organized into a Federation.

11. That in towns where there is an Epworth League or an

organized Bible Class an attempt should be made to correlate the Young People's Missionary Society with the other young people's organizations. MRS. R. E. BOBBITT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

Realizing the importance of training up the children in the way they should go, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever the Master has commanded us, and knowing that he will be with us in this work always, even unto the end of the world, we therefore urge:

1. That the children be organized in every auxiliary, and that we set our standard for a membership of one thousand this year.

2. The use of "The Young Christian Worker," interesting programs, and Mission Study books.

3. That the Conference First Vice-President occasionally write personal letters to the children, keeping in as close touch with them as possible.

4. That children be given some definite line of local work and social service, in order that they may feel some responsibility, such as the distribution of literature to the poor, and "The Story Hour" for colored and other children.

5. We urge the children to undertake the raising of shares in the work for which they are responsible.

6. We recommend that they have at least one public meeting a quarter, and at least twice a year real missionary socials and picnics.

7. That the Week of Prayer be observed by the children.

BABY DIVISION.

1. We recommend that, as far as possible, every baby in the church be enrolled. To this end we suggest as gifts on birthdays, and baptismal days, to the babies of the church, 25ct. Missionary certificates, instead of beauty pins and flowers.

That at least one meeting a year be held for the mothers, and that literature be distributed to mothers not interested in Missions.

2. That baby mite boxes be opened quarterly.

3. That a special program be given for the Baby Division annually. This shall be Promotion Day when those who are five years of age shall be advanced to the Junior Department.

MRS. R. H. HARPER, Chairman.
MISS FLORA I. WATSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We recommend:

1. That we approve the envelope system for offerings. And adopt the suggestion of the Council to bring our contributions as nearly as possible to average fifteen cents per member per week.

2. That we respond to the call of $2 or more from each department of each auxiliary for the endowment fund for Scarritt Bible and Training School.

3. That the Conference Secretaries in their quarterly letters repeatedly remind societies of the importance of collecting the contingent fee for Conference expenses.

4. That auxiliary presidents frequently call attention to the Retirement and Relief funds, urging every member to make an annual offering of five cents or more to each.

5. That the contingent fee be collected the first quarter in each year.

6. That we recommend that the pledges be apportioned by Districts, and the District Secretaries apportion the prescribed amounts by auxiliaries. MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference in third annual session assembled, with heartfelt thanksgiving and praise for the blessings of the past year, for the extent to which we, as a society and as individuals have been a blessing to our fellow-men, and with a deep determination to make the watchword of the meeting, "Go Forward," become ours for the coming year—hereby present the following resolutions:

1. We appreciate the hearty welcome extended to this body by Mrs. S. T. Sanders, President of the local Auxiliary.

2. That a vote of thanks be given the ladies for the delightful opportunity afforded us for the hours of social converse at the charming reception and musicale given at the Istrouma Hotel on Tuesday afternoon.

3. We are indebted to Rev. W. W. Drake for his excellent sermon from the text "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," with the assuring promise that Christ would go with us to the uttermost parts of the world.

4. We appreciate the presence of our beloved city missionary, Mrs. Lily Meekins, and are deeply grateful to Rev. W. E. Thomas, Rev. C. V. Breithaupt, Miss Eliza Iles, and Miss Nell Drake for earnest messages and information from their fields of work.

5. That the presence, the wise suggestions, the deep and soul-stirring addresses of Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Editorial Secretary, have been an inspiration which shall bear precious fruit in the lives of all who heard her, and will send us out into our various fields of work stronger and braver to do the Master's will.

6. We recall with sincere appreciation the splendid helpful address on "The Challenge to Advance" by Rev. W. H. Coleman.

7. We express our thanks and appreciation to the organist for the inspiring music rendered throughout this meeting, to the choir for their anthems and to the committee of ladies who have beautified the church with fresh flowers daily.

8. With hearts overflowing with gratitude to the hospitable people of Baton Rouge for the many courtesies extended us, to the prompt and efficient committee and our hostesses who have done so much for our comfort and pleasure, also to the daily press for giving accurate accounts of our meetings, we extend our sincere appreciation. MRS. D. C. WORRELL, Chairman.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

We are met to honor those dear fellow-laborers who cannot be with us to-day in the body because death has claimed them

since our last annual meeting. Can we not say with rising heart, "Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?" To-day we have not their bodies to sit near us, we cannot look into their eyes nor clasp their hands, nor drop the word of sweet greeting into their ears, but what is more glorious, we have that part of them that "fadeth not away." We have the memory—yea, more, the deep present consciousness of their inspiration and sympathy—their Christian counsel and labor.

Ah! dear co-workers in the cause of Christ, why call this a memorial occasion? These friends have merely slipt the fragile tie that bound them to "a narrow house of clay." They live as effectively in our midst to-day as they did when they toiled with us for Christ with feeble hands and feet. Did they not have kind words of counsel for us then? Are these not in our hearts to-day? Did they not give us of their love until it nourished and invigorated our faith then? Is not this love in our lives to-day? And, when led by the Spirit of our common Master, they came to us one time and spoke that word into which they poured all their passion for God and duty and service, and when that word set flame to our own smoldering zeal and we went forward for Christ with quickened step—shall we not say that then they began to live in us through this word? Shall we not say that through this word they still abide in our midst?

Ah! Christian friends, the deed of mercy is great, sheltering the shelterless, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, curing the diseased—all these charities are great,—but greater, infinitely greater than them all is the Word of Truth. "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." What a grand spiritual crescendo! It would seem as though the apostle with his hand upon some mighty spiritual organ would dare to interpret the very music of the Godhead Himself!

The word is God! And if God is all in all and Christ is all in all, and if God is love and Christ is God, and if the indwelling presence of Christ—of love—of the Word—really is the immortal quest of us all—then, truly, we do not to-day meet to remember these dear dead loved ones; we meet to commune with them still living, to show each other how they are still

present in our lives because God lives in Christ, Christ in them and us; and all we are an immortal one.

MAY GOLDSBY SANDERS (Mrs. S. T.)

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

The third session of the Council was held in Birmingham, Ala., April 9-16, 1913. Birmingham threw open wide the doors of her hearts and homes and we entered to find that beautiful love, sympathy and hospitality that is peculiar to our beloved Southland.

Our sessions were held in the First Methodist Church—a magnificent building, with a spacious auditorium and conveniently arranged Sunday School apartments.

Our own denomination may well be proud of the fact that Birmingham has thirty-two Methodist Churches.

I wish all of you could have the pleasure of knowing our beloved President, Miss Belle Bennett. "Who that once sees and knows her has ever forgotten the woman, ever lost the influence of her strong personality?"

In Miss Bennett's message to the Council she says: "The Reports of the Secretaries and the Treasurer show that there has been for 1912 a small increase in both membership and collection, but not sufficient to meet the reasonable requests from the fields. If we would maintain our high standard of excellence in buildings, equipped workers, progressive and fundamental missionary activities, the Home base must be aroused and worked now, and each succeeding year with increasing diligence. We must have a larger membership, and a larger income, and to secure these we must have a larger force at the center directing and developing the home base and all that pertains to it."

Mrs. Bessie Lipscomb from Grenada, Miss., was elected Home Base Secretary. She shall conduct the correspondence with the Conference Secretaries of both Home and Foreign departments. She shall receive from them reports of their work and shall have charge of the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the conduct of the work in the Conference.

The creation of this new Secretary has come from a demand

from the field for a unification of reporting and a center for the distribution of literature. It has come from a need in the offices at Nashville for the sake of a division of responsibility and lightening of the duties of the over-burdened Secretaries of both the Home and Foreign departments.

The report of the Committee on Social Service was splendid and will be published later in the New Orleans Advocate and other papers.

The Committee appealed for help for the negro race that its members might be taught to live decently and become better citizens.

The report ought to become epoch making—we need to make much of this work which we have so long neglected.

On Wednesday afternoon, preceding the opening session of the Council in the evening, there was held a Worker's Conference, led by Mrs. Arch Trawick, to discuss methods of work for the Auxilary, the District and the Conference.

We give below some of the echoes from this meeting.

The work of the Missionary Society needs definite prayer. To secure this definite prayer there should be a definite interest for which to pray. The Committee on Literature anticipated this need and their second recommendation reads: "Since it is a recognized truth that the whole Missionary Enterprise must depend above all else upon a great tide of intercessory prayer, we recommend that a Prayer Calendar for 1914 be issued for sale at not more than twenty-five cents each."

HOW TO SECURE NEW MEMBERS.

Have a vital personal interest in each woman in the church. When a new member joins, put her to work in the plan for which she is best fitted. Have interesting programs. Put into them as much time and vital power as do club women.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS.

Do not accept an office unless you accept the responsibility of that office. Put every woman on some committee.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Have a public installation service, a Sunday morning service if possible. In this service magnify the importance of each in-

dividual office and lay stress upon each woman the responsibility of her office. Make every office important.

The first business session of the Council convened at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning with fully 300 delegates and visitors present. Dr. George H. Detwiler, pastor of the West End Methodist Church of Nashville, Tenn., led the devotional each day at the noon hour. Dr. Detwiler has a strong personality and the truths of the Bible were given to us in his own unique, clear-cut manner. We give but a few of his strong, original messages:

To pray aright we must have that feeling of dependence that calls for expression.

Prayer is evidenced in all living things—vegetables, animals, and man.

Every uplifted leaf and opening flower is a Prayer.

That of the withering tree or flower is a sad appeal.

The cry of an animal in distress is a Prayer.

Mightiest of all Prayer is intercessory Prayer.

Faith does not mean *surrender* of reason, but *use* of reason. Best things I have done are the things I didn't want to do. Have Faith in folks. Faith makes marvelous statuary out of wrecks.

More sacrifice means more love. Love is the steel tire God puts round our lives to even them up and smooth the uneven ends.

Get scared when things are too easy.

The hardest problem we have to deal with is ourselves.

When you say there is no Hope for some one else, it is a blight on your own soul.

Don't be so "cultivated" you can't mix with your humbler brothers and sisters.

When you hear women say "I have no adaptability," they are hard and stiff like putty and need oil poured on to become pliable.

Hope is born where sweat-drops fall that are deep red with sacrifice and service.

I wouldn't be afraid to go into a protracted meeting to save the whole world, if we had the Christian Hope.

Some people need calomel more than religion—you can't save bilious and non-bilious people the same way.

If we want to feel at home in Heaven we must have a hand in fixing it.

There is no royal road to Heaven. It is a way hard and steep—but there are heights beyond us covered with sunshine.

There was not a vacant seat in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church on Sunday morning when Bishop W. R. Lambuth delivered the third Anniversary sermon of the Woman's Missionary Council. Hundreds of persons had to stand up throughout the entire sermon, though the seating capacity is 3,000.

The Bishop took for his subject—Prayer. He said in part: I wish this hour might produce a great advancement in God's kingdom. Christ prayed more than he preached. He taught his disciples more about prayer than theology. All great Christians have been bred in prayer. Bishop Lambuth told of the prayers of the first missionaries to foreign fields, and how they were granted.

He then described his trip with John Gilbert, a negro graduate from Payne College, through the Jungles of Africa, in search of a place to establish a mission. Many and varied were their experiences and often their lives were endangered by beasts, reptiles, disease and cannibals.

The Bishop and his missionaries will return in November to Africa. When he left he promised the chief in one of the villages that he would return in eighteen months and the chief is cutting notches in a stick, and anxiously expects them to cast their shadows on the ground by the side of his when the moon shines full and he has reached the eighteenth notch.

A group of boys and girls, some of them children of missionaries, dressed in the bright colored costumes of China and Korea, were the subjects of lively interest at the Missionary exercises for children Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church. Hundreds of little folks from the Churches all over the city and a large number of grown ups were at the service. Mrs. Albright spoke to the children of their part in bringing young people of all lands to Christ.

Miss Daisy Davies gave a preliminary talk before introducing the four principal speakers. Children of all lands are pansies she said and all grow in God's flower garden. Some are greatly in need of cultivation. Stories of these were told by the subsequent speakers.

Miss Mary De Bardeleben, a deaconess, explained her work in aiding the little "black" pansies attending her kindergarten in Augusta, Ga. She made an impressive appeal for better treatment of negro children.

Our missionary who returned recently from China, Miss Ella Claiborne, spoke of the "yellow" pansies—the need of Chinese children and especially girls. Love was the theme of her talk.

Miss May Ora Durham, head of the Co-operative Home in Houston, Tex., told of the "white" pansies coming under her care. Child laborers in oyster canneries along the Gulf Coast were mentioned. Besides these little white pansies, she said, there are here in America those of many colors needing attention.

Miss Davies ended the service by an earnest appeal for recruits in Missionary work.

Prof. E. E. Bishop, Superintendent of the Vashti Industrial School, made one of the strongest appeals that I have ever listened to. He says that your institution, Vashti Industrial, represents the greatest cause in the Home Missions of to-day. "I do not mean that the institution is the greatest by any means, but I refer to the purpose or cause for which it stands. A nation's greatest asset is the children of the country. They are the strength and hope of our land and of our civilization if rightly trained. On the other hand if corrupted they become our greatest menace. We have omitted looking after the welfare of our future citizens of the humbler class so that neither Church nor State has made adequate provision for the dependent child. We have Orphanages that accept children under ten or perhaps twelve, but over that age where can a definite refuge be found for a homeless child, especially a homeless girl?

It is estimated that 60,000 girls go astray annually for want of protection, which might have been prevented for $6,000,000 per year—the price of a single battleship. Our failure to spend

this $6,000,000 for protection foots up the enormous sum of nearly $3,000,000,000 lost for lack of—shall we say sense or business foresight, or blindness, for it must be clear to everyone that if a single generation of girls could be protected and kept pure, that the social evil—the blight of the centuries—would be in check and under control.

Vashti has done a great work, but its accomplishments have been but a drop in the bucket to the great social need along this line. Its success, however, is a living example of what is possible, of what may be easily done whenever society awakes to the great need of this work.

The consecration of nine deaconesses by Bishop McCoy Monday evening was one of the most solemn, impressive and unusual services ever conducted in Birmingham. Promptly at 8 o'clock, when every bit of space in the auditorium was filled, the organ sounded and from each front door of the balcony and down the stairway on each side of the choir loft there slowly marched, single file, a line of young women who have surrendered their lives to carry the Gospel into the dark places of America.

As the young women appeared they sang.

When the old and new deaconesses dressed in their usual uniforms, and the old and new missionaries dressed in white, finished the march around the auditorium and were seated in the front pews, the vast audience seemed to hold its breath.

The solemnity of the occasion appeared to be upon every one; not a sound could be heard. Bishop McCoy addressed the nine deaconesses regarding their work. The Bishop told the young women that their devotion to Christ and their sacrifice had strangely stirred his heart and that everyone in the auditorium was moved by the occasion. He appealed to them to plant seeds of the religion of Christ wherever they were called to go. The Bishop urged them to pray much and to remember always that they had left their homes and loved ones to do the work of Him who gave His life for men, and to become working companions of the Christ.

Each of the young women told in her own way just why she decided to give her life to the work in the Home field and

the experience of each was very interesting and impressive. There has been a smaller proportion of women preparing for deaconess work this year than for many years.

There have been many calls for deaconesses, more than any year since the creation of the office of deaconess in the Church.

We could locate this year, if they were available, in addition to the workers already employed, 15 in negro work, 25 trained nurses, 25 domestic science teachers, 25 superintendents of boy's clubs, 10 kindergartners, 10 day nursery matrons, 25 house mothers, 25 traveler's aids and 20 Church deaconesses.

Mr. Tate, a wealthy land owner of the North Georgia Conference, offered to the Woman's Missionary Council 5,000 acres of land and $25,000 to build a vocational school. The Council is to raise an additional $25,000 to obtain the gift. A committee appointed to look into the matter, reported.

"Inasmuch as we are unwilling to let so great an opportunity pass and because we believe that God will help us to so inspire our constituency to larger contributions, so that it will be made possible to take up this great work at some future time. we recommend that a Committee be appointed from this body to confer with the Trustees of the Tate Educational Enterprises concerning the plans made by them for the institution, and be ready to make a report to the Council at its next session."

The Scarritt Bible and Training School is greatly in need of a building for the classes in Physical culture, Domestic Science and Industrial Arts Department. Since the endowed and paid scholarships for the students in attendance are insufficient to meet the current expenses of the school it was recommended that an annual appropriation be made from the Council for the maintenance of this Institution.

Brevard expended $3,806.25 on the purchase of lots and buildings. They greatly need the new building, which has been promised for some time. A Committee is at work on plans for this building, and it is sincerely hoped that we can report the building furnished before the close of another year.

Sufficient money has not been collected to build Lucinda B. Helm Hall at Sue Bennett and in the meantime the school has no chapel and inadequate class rooms.

It is difficult for so large a school body to do good work without an assembly hall. They need $10,000 to add to the amount already collected for this new building, before they can erect it.

Ruth Hargrove Institute needs $30,000 for enlargement. They are compelled to turn away students because of lack of room

The work on the Pacific Coast has greatly prospered during the year. Under the direction of Mr. Acton, the superintendent, these Orientals are appreciating the gospel and its message to them and are looking forward to making their churches and schools self-supporting.

Under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Hammond, the President of Payne College, the work has prospered. During the year 23 boarders have been cared for at the Annex, 131 girls had the domestic science course, while 13 have had a course in sewing.

The students of the Paine Annex have named the new dormitory "Belle Bennett Hall" in honor of our beloved President.

The Virginia Johnson Home and School is doing a noble work. 68 girls have been cared for and 32 babies have been born there during the year.

The furnishings of the new building have been entirely met during the year, and the sale of the old property arranges for the liquidation of two-thirds of the debt on the building. Mrs. Johnson is a wonderful woman and her busy brain is always planning for the upbuilding of this school. She has traveled thousands of miles pleading the cause of the out-cast girl. Thank God she has been on the winning side.

For lack of funds we came near losing our work at St. Mark's Hall in New Orleans. It was through the efforts of our Presiding Elder, James Henry, Rev. W. E. Thomas and Mrs. S. A. Montgomery that the work was kept intact.

Rev. W. E. Thomas, Miss Martha Dupree, Deaconess and Miss Laura Padgett, nurse, are in charge of this splendid work among the Italians.

Extension of Work—Home Dept. Settlements opened for work among the negroes shall be known as Bethlehem Houses. In view of the fact that some departments are not so popular as

others, and would suffer in consequence, we recommend that the Conference pledge be undirected.

WEEK OF PRAYER COLLECTIONS.

Adult—Completion of Lucinda B. Helen Hall at Sue Bennett Memorial and for enlargement of Ruth Hargrove Seminary.

Young People—Laredo Seminary in Mexico.

Juniors—Primary work in Brevard, Ruth Hargrove and Pacific Coast.

The Baby Division shall work for West Tampa.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

That during the month of January, 1914, Christian Stewardship be given special emphasis

That provision be made on the program the first month in each quarter for Third Vice-President to present her work.

MISSION STUDY.

First week in October be designated as Mission Study Campaign Week and organize mission study classes in Adult, Young People and Junior Societies.

For the new Study Course see elsewhere in the Minutes.

BIBLE STUDY.

The Third Vice-President is urged to form circles for definite prayer and use the prayer calendar. "Intemperance" is the subject for study in 1914 in the 4th department.

Sisters take heart! A special committee was appointed to prepare *uniform* record books and report blanks.

The Conference Secretaries report the membership of the Home Department as follows:

MEMBERSHIP AND MONEYS.

	Auxiliaries	Members
Adult	3,508	80,324
Young People	664	11,613
Junior	776	19,654
Total	4,948	111,591

Names added to Baby Division, 6,739. This means an ac-

tual increase of 603 auxiliaries and 12,672 members and 2,630 names on the Baby Division.

The Treasurer's report shows $241,138.87 for dues, pledges, specials, etc.

The pressure for money sufficient to carry on the work already inaugurated and the growing demand for opening new enterprises, make us realize that our money is a great factor if we put it in God's hands for the development and salvation of his people.

Estimates submitted from the fields for the maintenance of the work already inaugurated exceed the basis of appropriation by $30,000. This does not include any new work or erection of necessary buildings.

Let every auxiliary hear the cry and by prayer and energy help raise this money. "A definite effort for enlisting every woman in the Church in this work for women" should be the watch word of every auxiliary.

The slogan then of the Home Department for 1913 shall be $300,000 and an every member canvass of women for membership.

God help us to be up and about our Father's business.

Father help us to say:

"I ask no Heaven till earth be thine,
No glory crown, while work of mine remaineth here;
When earth shall shine amid the stars,
Her sin's wiped out, her captives free,
Her voice a music unto Thee;
For crown new work give me,
Lord, here am I."

MRS. WM. T. CUNNINGHAM,
Correponding Secretary of the Home Department.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

"Never has there been such an opportunity for teaching the Word in all the earth as comes to the Church of the present time. Never have men been able to understand so fully that God is depending upon human agencies to extend His Kingdom. Without

God we can do nothing and according to His own plans for the world's redemption, He does nothing without us. In the face of the magnitude of the task 'to make disciples of all the nations,' facing the attendant difficulties—constant preparation of the mind and heart is necessary. Workers, givers, power in prayer are needed. But none will be supplied until the Church has a clearer vision of the world without the gospel and of God's power through human agencies."

The Workers' Conference on Wednesday afternoon, April 9th, of the Third Annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the above words of Miss Head, gave the key-note, "Definiteness," to the glorious days of mountain-top experiences that followed. We are living in a day of specialization. We must be specialists as missionary workers, trained, knowing something about every part of missionary work and everything about some part, that part for which we as officers and members are responsible. The work needs definite prayer. Back of this there must be vital interest in that for which we should pray. The work should be represented as a privilege. With the acceptance of an office one should also accept the responsibility. Definite financial plans bring success. These and many other suggestions about the work made the Workers' Conference very helpful, under the leadership of the Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Trawick.

This definiteness seemed characteristic of the work of the Council. The official reports gave the status of affairs as they are to-day and just what is needed to bring about better results. If the interests of the Kingdom are not extended it will not be because we have not been told definitely, the "how and when and where" by each departmental officer.

These, the Workers' Conference and reports of officers, are two of the eight points in which it seems to me that the whole program pointed sharply to clear-cut methods. The others are, third, the splendid missionary exhibit, prepared by Miss Head, where were curios showing home life and customs, native dress, idols, temples, etc., also our work in the various fields. Each day an exhibit was explained by missionaries from that field.

Fourth. Bishop Lambuth and Dr. Pinson, just returned from Africa and the Orient, with burning messages from each.

Fifth. The large number of missionaries present.

Sixth. Before passing upon the estimates for the fields, these missionaries were called upon for direct messages regarding their work.

Seventh. The fact that three daily papers of Birmingham had reporters at our sessions, day after day, all day, giving the work in Council terms, to the public in a splendid way.

Eighth. The election of a new secretary, that of the Home Base, who will direct the work with the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, receive and unify reports, etc.

Above all, throughout all, in all, there was the spirit of harmony and the one definite purpose uppermost in the hearts and deliberations of the women, to do the will of the Father, in His way, in His name and to His glory, in no way carrying the personal element.

"Study, give diligence, to show thyself approved unto God" was Miss Bennett's charge to us in the opening words of her message. The work of ingathering and instruction has gone on in this Department for missions, for 35 years. "Eternal vigilance, all at it, and at it all the time, is the price of the womon's missionary organization. With all that has been accomplished we have only about one-tenth of the women and girls of our Church in our ranks."

Mrs. W. A. Albright, First Vice-President, would set "the child in the midst of every department," give broad and liberal education, impressing upon the children their responsibility in relation to money and the needs of our church.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens of the Department of Young People's Work, whose motto is "Loyalty to Christ" and whose watchword, "Each one win one," reported 13,080 members in the 716 auxiliaries, whose offerings will add materially to the desired Girls' High School at Rio.

Hearing the problems of the many auxiliaries, in the thousands of miles covered by Miss Davies in her work as Field Secretary, we are glad to know, from her, that our need in Louisiana is a common one, that of a better system of reporting and such changes in report blanks as will make them harmonize. Steady improvement has been made in auxiliaries who are setting

up a definite aim as regards money, meetings, membership, mission study and prayer life.

Throughout the quiet noon hour of Bible study, Dr. G. H. Detwiler of Nashville led us to see the great forces of life as they are related to us in our inner selves. The climax is reached when we, with the Christ-spirit, after prayer, with faith and love and hope, can translate self into service for men. "The Christian worker must get under men. God did not let down a chain of archangels to pull fallen men back to Heaven, but Christ came down into the darkness, got under man and lifted him up. Out of the darkness came a voice, saying, 'If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me.'"

Miss Head reported 17,816 members studying missions in 997 classes, an increase of 3000 members and 362 classes.

(See announcement elsewhere in Minutes for Course recommended for Foreign Department.)

Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department, gave a survey of the field under her supervision. Begun in 1878, when China was entered, the work has grown by leaps and bounds until in six foreign lands we now have 27 boarding schools, 44 day schools, 109 American missionaries with 202 native and foreign helpers.

There are to carry on this work at the Home Base,

	Auxiliaries	Members
Adult	2,981	68,560
Young People	716	13,080
Children	1,158	25,254
	4,855	106,894

The collections from these auxiliaries amounted to $293,823.95. Greatest growth has been shown in the Conferences having a Conference organizer. "Above all methods, above all information, above all enthusiasm, above all financial aid must be stressed the necessity for infusing the Spirit of Christ into the Church. The supreme need is to get a wholly new spiritual vision from a deep realization of the value of Christ for the individual and for the world."

China's greatest need is McTyeire's School at Shanghai.

Native Chinese gentlemen offered to raise $60,000 for land for this enlagement. The Council voted to put $25,000 into a new building.

One of Korea's greatest needs is a chain of day schools throughout the country.

In Rio de Janeiro a second Robert College is needed, as a hinge upon which all mission work in Brazil shall move.

Bishop Lambuth's anniversary sermon on "Prayer and the Kingdom" was a fitting prelude to his words about Africa. The journey of one thousand miles, nine hundred of which was made on foot, with Prof. Gilbert and sixty-five natives, was one of thrilling experiences. Through dense swamps, high grass forests, among cannibals and wild beasts, lost for two days, they were providentially led to the village of five thousand inhabitants, Wembo-Niami, where the chief invited them to found their mission. Three missionaries and their wives have been accepted for Africa and all but $3,000 of the $20,000 required to open the work, has been secured. Brazilian converts have pledged $1,000 for the support of the first married missionary to Africa.

Dr. W. W. Pinson's address on Sunday night was aglow with China's magic changes. Their republic, modeled after ours, with the Declaration of Independence strikingly familiar to Americans, counts America their only true friend. A text-book, the Republican Reader, was found to contain a picture of Buddha, then one of Christ, one of Martin Luther and one of George Washington. Dr. Pinson found his way about by using the word "Vesu"-Jesus.

Fully 5000 people witnessed the consecration of the twelve young women who will go out to foreign lands this year. Bishop Lambuth gave as qualifications for the missionary, first, the power of friendship even unto death in sacrificial service; second, a fellowship that will not fail; third, the power of God; fourth, joy in the privilege of service, but joy "on your knees." The authority comes from God, accompanied by power and by His presence. These are only for those who take up the great unfinished task from a great love like unto Christ's.

The next Council meeting will be held in Fort Worth.

The hope of the Council Daily, expressed in the following

words, voices a need felt keenly in the pursuance of our work in this Conference: "Did the great body of our women read, not passively, but actively, every action of the Council so that everywhere the women would say, 'We (not they) have decided to raise so much money' or 'we have voted to undertake this or that measure,' then indeed, would the personal, vital element enter in, which would bring such results in our labors as would rejoice the heart of the Savior."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

EXTENSION OF WORK—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

1. Endorsement of Union Bible School for Women in Nanking, China, appropriation, $200, representative from our Board, Miss Mary Culler White.

2. Endorse affiliation in Union Woman's College (six denominations) in Yangste Valley, Miss Martha Pyle our representative.

3. $25,000 to be put into the enlargement of McTyeire, Shanghai.

4. Special effort to provide a large number of day schools for the support of which the following amounts are required:

China, $150; Korea, $200; Brazil, $350; Mexico, $350.

5. Strenuous effort be made to complete the Scarritt Endowment Fund, each auxiliary paying at least $2.00 towards this.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

1. There shall be a joint Week of Prayer beginning the week after the first Sunday in November.

2. The offerings of the Adult auxiliaries shall go to McTyeire; the Young People's to McTyeire; Juniors' to Kindergarten work in Rio.

3. Children and young people shall be represented on the program.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

1. Membership campaign, Sept. 1st to Nov. 30th. Aim, 50,000.

2. A Year-Book for the Children's Department.

3. $15,000 in offerings for Rio de Janeiro.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Specials, $15,000 for McTyeire.

2. Literature regarding specials for young people be sent out at once.

3. One leaflet each quarter bearing exclusively on young people's work.

EDUCATION.

Preparation of one or more sets of Stereopticon slides, picturing Missionaries, Missionary scenes, schools, etc., for rent at nominal prices, to be ready by fall.

MRS. A. P. HOLT,
Corresponding Secretary (Foreign Department.)

SPECIALS SUPPORTED BY THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

BIBLE WOMEN.

Name.	Where.	By Whom.	When.
Nannie Battle	China	Shreveport Auxiliary	1899
Dorothy Wilmot	China	Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, of New Orleans	1901
Marguerite Foster	China	Mrs. S. L. Crain, of Shreveport	1903
Amelia McCutcheon	Korea	Mrs. J. C. Foster, of Shreveport	1907
Priscilla Bentley	Korea	Carrollton Avenue Aux.	1908

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Lee Dicks	Korea	Rayne Memorial Aux.	1899
Mary Keener	Mexico	First Church, New Orleans	1899
Marguerite Crain	China	Shreveport Juvenile	1899
Christine Cohen	Mexico	Carrollton Avenue	1901
Belle O'Pry	Mexico	Rayne Memorial	1905
Bettie Martin	Korea	Mrs. N. R. Grigsby, of Minden, La.	1906
Henry S. Harper	Brazil	Louisiana Conference	1907
Elisa Ascanio	Mexico	Lake Charles Auxiliary	1907
Robbie Foster	Brazil	Mrs. Paul Foster, of Opelousas, La.	1907
N. E. O'Pry	Korea	Mrs. T. B. Belle, of Algiers, La.	1908
Margaret Kent	China	Baton Rouge Auxiliary	1908
Sarah Burton	Brazil	Crowley Auxiliary	1908
Quina	Brazil	Mrs. Crow Girard, of Lafayette	1908
Darling Erwin	Korea	Mrs. Erwin of Clinton	1909
Alice Cobb	Korea	Gayden Auxiliary	1909
Hattie Renfro	China	Shreveport Ep. League	1910

The Specials supported by the Louisiana Conference, Woman's Missionary Society, Home Department, are: St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, and the French Mission, Southwest Louisiana.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applications for all specials shall be made through the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

2. The Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretaries when the money is in hand to meet specials, specifying by whom paid.

3. The following items shall have a permanent place in the Conference Minutes:

(*a*) The address and price of "The Missionary Voice" and "The Young Christian Worker."

(*b*) The specials supported by the Louisiana Conference, W. M. S.

(*c*) The specials named by the Council for the Young People and Children.

(*d*) Directory giving complete list of auxiliary officers.

(e) The Reading Course for adult, young people, and children's societies, price and publishers.

(*f*) The constitution for adult, young people, and children's societies.

(*g*) A list of the officers and managers of The Woman's Missionary Council.

4. At each annual meeting, where practical, public collections shall be taken for the conference work.

5. The Conference Treasurer shall advance to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries $10.00 per quarter for office expenses.

6. Stationary with the printed names of conference officers and district secretaries shall be furnished for the correspondence of said officers and secretaries.

7. The annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be held after the meeting of the Council, the exact date to be fixed by the Conference Executive Committee. Should an earlier meeting become necessary, the Executive Committee shall have power to call the meeting.

8. District Secretaries and Conference Treasurer shall send a duplicate of their quarterly reports to the Conference President.

9. An editor and an associate editor, both living in the

same town, shall be appointed by the chair to arrange and print the Conference Minutes.

10. There shall be a daily conference of the district secretaries at each annual meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each annual conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, one or more district secretaries from each district, a superintendent of press work and the following officers: A president, four vice-presidents, two corresponding secretaries, a recording secretary, one or more treasurers. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCES.

1. The conference officers elected by ballot shall constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the intervals of the annual sessions. Three shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee named by the Executive Committee, composed of one or more representatives from each district. This does not debar the parliamentary privilege of nominations from the floor after the committee's report has been presented.

3. The district secretaries and conference superintendents shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. An alternate from each department shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Womans Missionary Council.

5. Each conference society shall adopt a plan for raising a fund to meet the expenses of the conference.

6. The Conference Society shall make its appropriations

in annual session from the half of the regular membership fund of the Home Department, subject to its direction. These appropriations to be contingent upon the concurrence of the Woman's Missionary Council.

7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and actively advance the interest of the society.

8. The Vice-Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence.

9. The First Vice-President shall have charge of the children's work, and shall make a quarterly report to the First Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council, and to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

The Second Vice-President shall have charge of the young people's work, and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Third Vice-President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study, and shall report quarterly to the Third Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Fourth Vice-President shall develop the work of social serivce and shall report quarterly to the Fourth Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council and Corresponding Secretary of Conference Society.

10. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. They shall use all practicable means for the organization of adult, young people's and children's auxiliaries in every charge of the conference and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council, to whom they shall also send quarterly reports by the 15th day of the first month of each quarter. They shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such other reports as that body may desire. They shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

11. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meet-

ings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

12. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping a book account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall send itemized reports promptly on the 15th day of the first month of each quarter to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

13. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Societies in their districts. They shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold annual meetings in the district (composed of delegates from the auxiliaries), and all day meetings whenever practicable. If the conference so directs, the District Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries, and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be their duty to do all in their power to obtain subscribers to the Missionary Voice and Young Christian Worker.

14. The Conference Society may elect superintendents to co-operate with the superintendents of the council. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th day of the first month of each quarter.

15. Conference and auxiliary societies shall not project new work in the mission fields, nor respond to special calls for aid, without approval of the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The regular dues of the auxiliary societies—adult, young people and children—also pledge funds and funds contributed to make life members, honorary members and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

17. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

18. The first meeting of the fiscal year of the auxiliaries

shall be made a pledge meeting, at which time voluntary pledges shall be made by the members and a report of the same be forwarded to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the council.

20. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

21. (*a*) There shall be a standing committee on by-laws of seven members, who shall be the President, the two Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer and three members from the conference at large, to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

(*b*) To this committee shall be sent all amendments to by-laws of the Conference Society and auxiliaries not later than thirty days before the council meeting of the Conference Society.

22. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

23. The necessary expense of the conference officers, district secretaries, superintendents of departments and the traveling expenses of conference officers, district secretaries, superintendents and speakers to the annual session of the Conference Society shall be met from the treasury.

24. Each auxiliary shall be entitled to one delegate for each department. Auxiliaries whose membership numbers twenty-five or over shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each department for each additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

25. A contingent fee of 30 cents per year per member shall be paid to each department of the work, 5 cents of each to be kept at home and the remainder to be sent to the Conference Treasurer for conference expenses.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Conference Society by adopting the following constitution and by-laws and electing the officers therein provided:

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the.....auxiliary to .....Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this society shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States and non-Christian lands by enlisting the women, young people and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Women's Missionary Council for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for meeting neighborhood needs.

3. Any one may become a member of this society by giving regularly prayer, service and monthly dues of 10 cents to either departments or 20 cents to both. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and free-will offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

4. Any one may become a life member of either department of the society by the payment to the general fund of $25.00 for this specific purpose.

5. The officers of the society shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, one or more Recording Secretaries, one or more Treasurers, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

Each auxiliary may raise the amount necessary for its local work.

6. The society shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes, and one for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be full reports of the year's work, installation of officers and consideration of plans for work for the new year.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and shall actively advance its interests. At her request or in her absence the Vice-President shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice-President shall have charge of the children's work.

The Second Vice-President shall have charge of the young people's work.

The Third Vice-President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study.

The Fourth Vice-President shall develop the work of social service and local work.

These officers shall co-operate with the Conference officers having the same work in charge, and shall report to them quarterly.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and send to the District Secretaries full reports by the first day of each quarter. They shall also send annually to the District Secretaries and Conference Corresponding Secretaries the names and addresses of the officers of the auxiliary. They shall send their books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the society, keep an account of the same and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The society shall elect an agent for the Missionary Voice and a Superintendent of Press Work.

7. Superintendents of Bureaus shall be elected as needed.

8. The Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Agents and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

9. The first meeting of the fiscal year of the auxiliaries shall be a pledge meeting, at which time voluntary pledges shall be made by the members and a report of the same be forwarded to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

10. A contingent fee of 30 cents per year per member shall be paid to each department of the work 5 cents of each to be kept at home and the remainder to be sent to the Conference Treasurer for Conference expenses.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This society shall be called the Young People's Society of .....auxiliary to ..... Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this society shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States and non-Christian lands by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions and for the relief of neighborhood needs.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two may become a member of this society by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering to missions. Opportunities will be given for pledges for special work, and free-will offerings to be used as directed by donors to such objects as are authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

The membership fund shall be divided as follows: Fifty per cent to the Foreign Department, fifty per cent to the Home Department. No other funds are subject to this division.

4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment to the general fund of ten dollars for this specific purpose.

5. The officers of the society shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Re-

cording Secretary, one or more Treasurers, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

6. The society shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes and for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be full reports of the year's work, installation of officers and consideration of plans for work for the new year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society and in every way advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice-President shall assist the First Vice-President of the adult auxiliary in superintending the Children's Department.

The Second Vice-President shall be agent for Missionary periodicals of the Council and Press Superintendent.

The Third Vice-President shall promote Christian Stewardship and Mission Study.

The Fourth Vice-President shall develop the work of social service and local work.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and make quarterly reports to the Vice-President of the conference and to the District Secretary, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the society, keeping a book account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first of each quarter. She shall send a duplicate report to the Second Vice-President of the conference, and also furnish the Corresponding Secretaries of her auxiliary with a statement of the amounts remitted. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

In this department the children shall be organized for the foreign and home mission work.

The object shall be to give them missionary education, train them for Christian service and cultivate in them habits of liberal and systematic giving, Bible reading and prayer.

This department shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under a superintendent, who shall also be a Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with the Conference Vice-President in charge of children's work.

BABY DIVISION.

1. Any child five years of age and under may become a member of the Baby Division of the Woman's Missionary Society upon the payment of an enrollment fee of 25 cents. Each child of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate, furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings to be opened quarterly. Any child may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of five dollars.

2. Names may be placed on the Memorial Roll by an offering to missions and by the use of the mite box in memory of the child.

3. At least once a year special meetings shall be held for the members of the Baby Division, at which time mite boxes shall be opened and a helpful program carried out.

4. The First Vice-President of adult auxiliaries shall have charge of the Baby Division.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

1. Any child between the ages of five and fourteen years may become a member of the Junior Division of the Woman's Missionary Society by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering to missions. Each child of the Junior Division shall be furnished a mite box for voluntary offerings, to be opened quarterly. Any child may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of ten dollars to the general fund for this specific purpose.

2. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President,

four Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

3. The Junior Division shall meet at least once a month to follow some line of study for which a program shall be furnished.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society and in every way advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice-President shall help in the work of the Baby Division.

The Second Vice-President shall be the agent for the "Young Christian Worker."

The Third Vice-President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study.

The Fourth Vice-President shall have charge of the social service and local work of the children.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and make quarterly reports to the Vice-President of the Conference and to the District Secretaries, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the society, keep a book account of the same and remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. She shall send a duplicate report to the Second Vice-President of the Conference and also furnish the Corresponding Secretaries of her auxiliary with a statement of the amounts remitted. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, has need of a standard constitution for the use of city mission boards, we, the Standing Committee on Deaconesses and

City Missions, recommend the following constitution and by-laws:

CONSTITUTION.

I. COMPOSITION

1. In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries exist whether in one or several Churches, they shall unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board. The auxiliaries of a presiding elder's district may also unite to form a District Board of City Missions.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each co-operating auxiliary. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives. Further representation shall be determined by each City Mission Board. Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of Churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders are advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, one Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer and as many superintendents of departments as the work of the Board demands. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The election of officers shall take place at the January meeting of the City Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

1. A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into departments, each department to me under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the Board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. The work of the City Board shall be conducted through department committees, the number of such committees corresponding with the number of departments. The superintendents of the departments shall be chairmen of these committees.

2. These department committees shall consist of at least one member from each co-operating auxiliary. They shall be

nominated by the superintendents of departments and elected by the Board in the February monthly meeting.

3. Department committees meet at the call of the superintendents of the departments.

4. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

5. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the Presidents of the co-operating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.

3. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The co-operating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges payable monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions who expend $60 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, an appropriation of ten per cent. of the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. In her absence, the Vice-President shall preside.

2. The Vice-President shall be chairman of a standing committee that shall have the supervision of the building and its premises.

3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended, making a monthly report of the same to the Board and a quarterly and annual report to the Board and also to the Treasurer of the Conference Home Department.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council Home Department.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and shall give notice of all regular and called meetings. She shall keep a record of the work in permanent form.

6. The Executive Committee shall handle all questions relative to the employment or dismissal of workers, submitting their action for approval to the Board in regular or called meetings.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each co-operative auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers (See regulations, page 186 Council Report).

MISSION STUDY COURSE FOR FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Adopted for Year 1913.

Adult—"The King's Business," by Mrs. Raymond. Or "Mexico's To-morrow," by Rev. G. B. Winton.

Young People—"The Conservation of Young Life," by Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Peabody.

Intermediates—"Livingston, the Pathfinder."

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Juniors—"Comrades of Other Lands," by Mrs. Dimmick.

Specials.

Young People—McTyeire School, China, and Laredo Seminary, Mexico.

Juniors—Girls School at Rio for Foreign Department and primary work in Bernard, Ruth Hargrove and Pacific Coast for Home Department.

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